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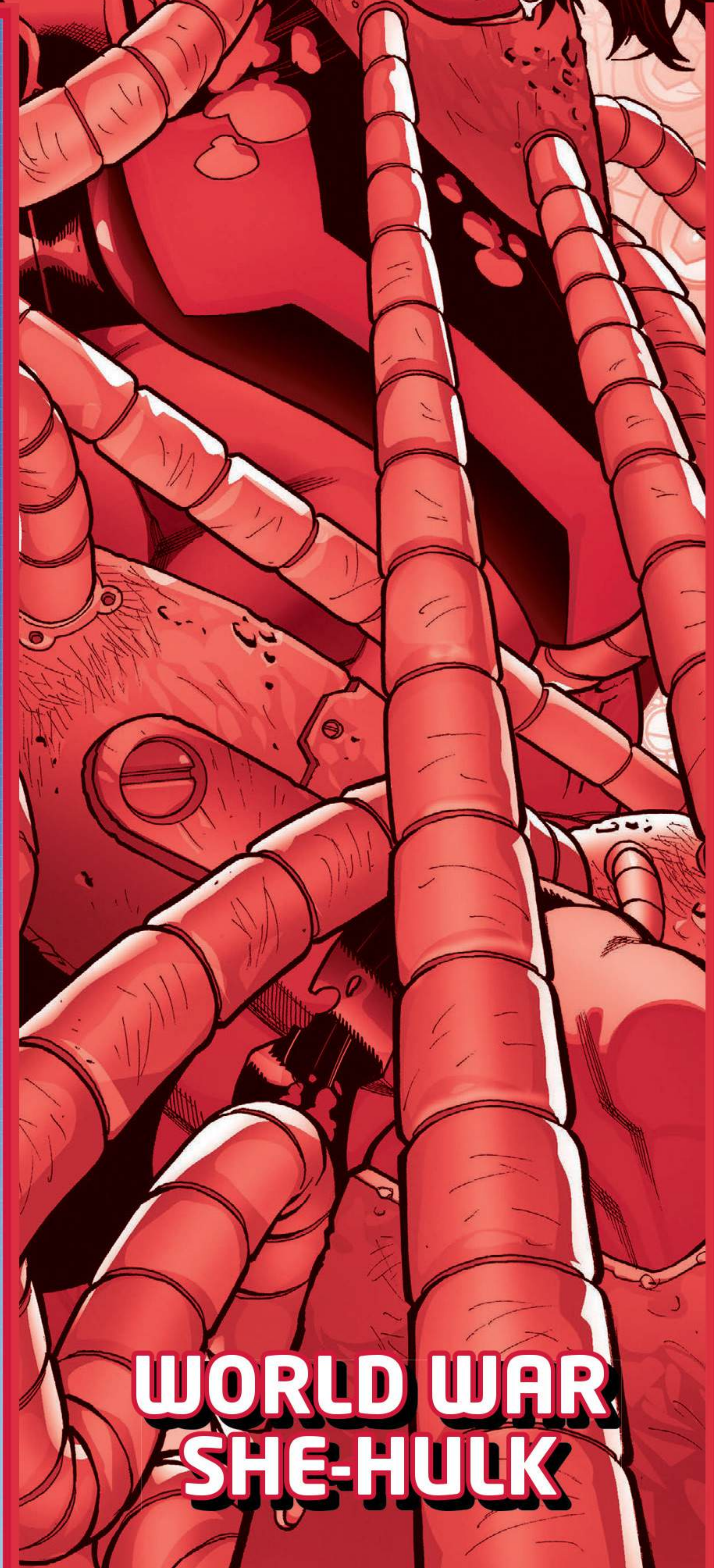
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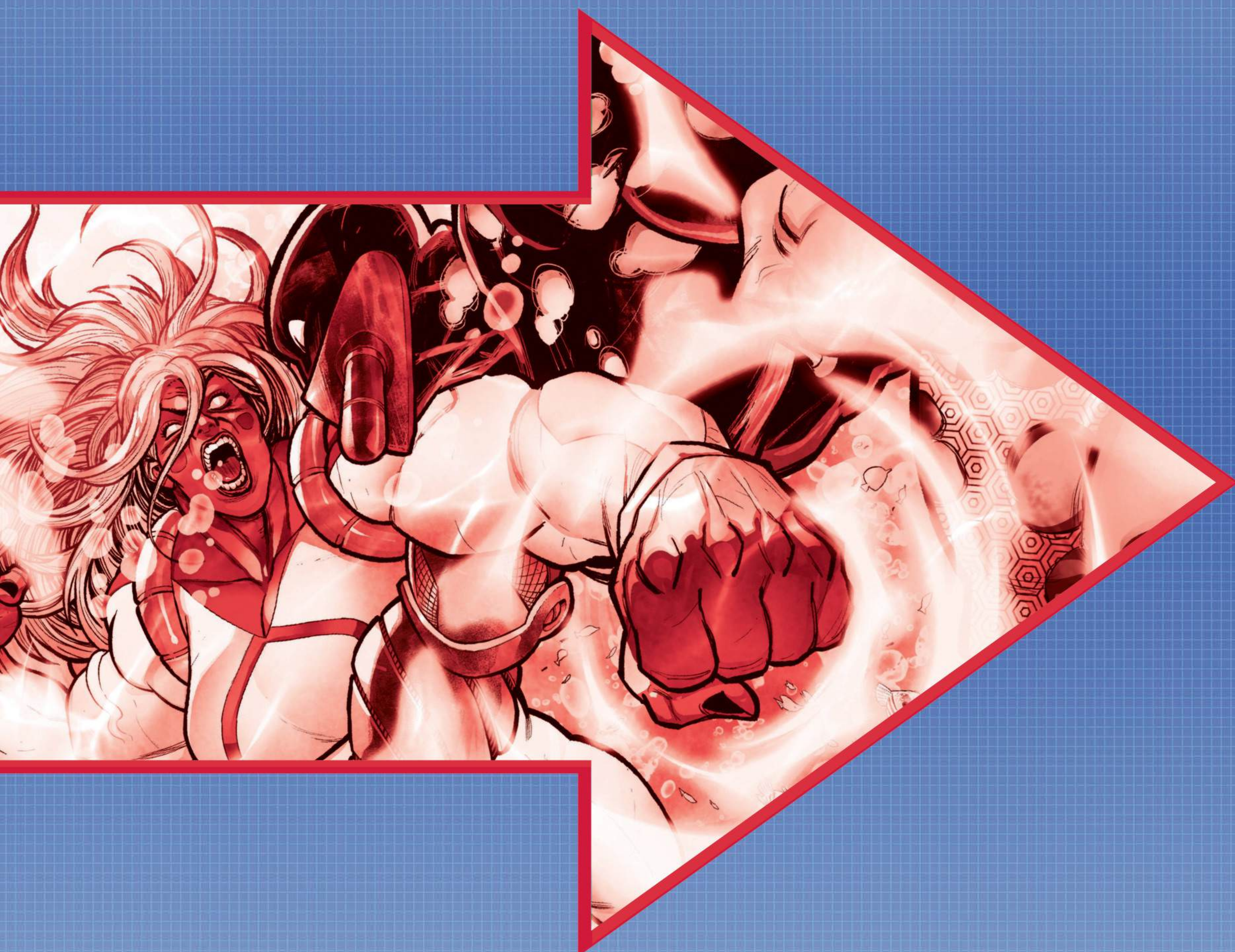
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**WORLD WAR
SHE-HULK**

AND THERE CAME A DAY, A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER, WHEN EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES FOUND THEMSELVES UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT! ON THAT DAY, THE AVENGERS WERE BORN. TO FIGHT THE FOES NO SINGLE SUPER HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

THE AVENGERS RESTORED ALL OF REALITY AFTER IT WAS WARPED BY PHIL COULSON AND MEPHISTO. THE AVENGERS' WARD, AN INFANT EMPOWERED BY THE COSMIC STARBRAND, RETURNED FROM THE NEW REALITY SEVERAL YEARS OLDER AND WITH AN AGGRESSIVE NEW ATTITUDE. DURING THE RECENT BATTLE TO DETERMINE THE PHOENIX FORCE'S NEW HOST, HULK AND NAMOR BATTLED IN MOSCOW'S RED SQUARE. NEITHER ULTIMATELY WON THE TOURNAMENT--THE WINNER AND INHERITOR OF THE PHOENIX'S POWER WAS ECHO, WHO HAS PROVEN A VALUABLE ALLY TO THE TEAM.



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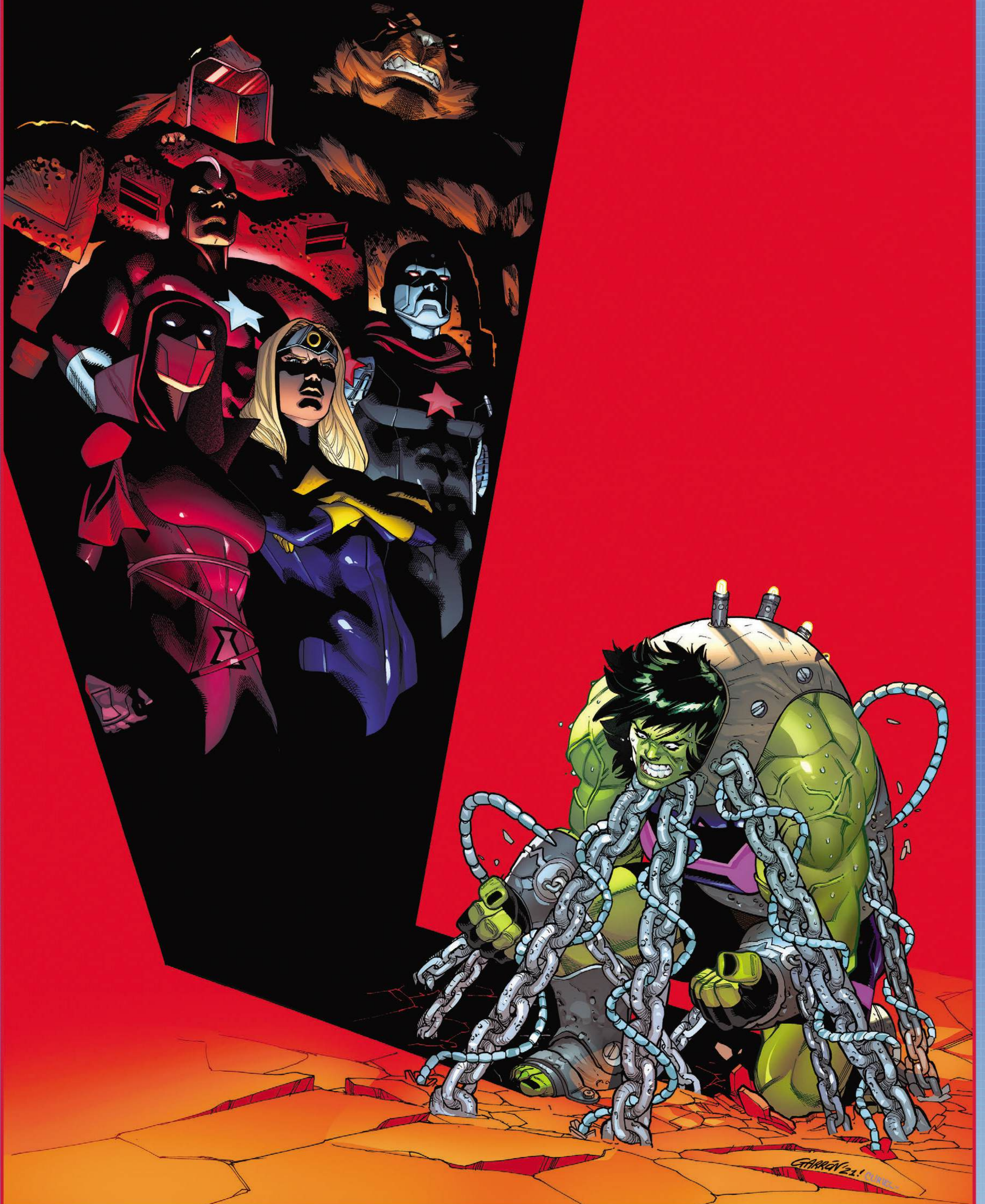
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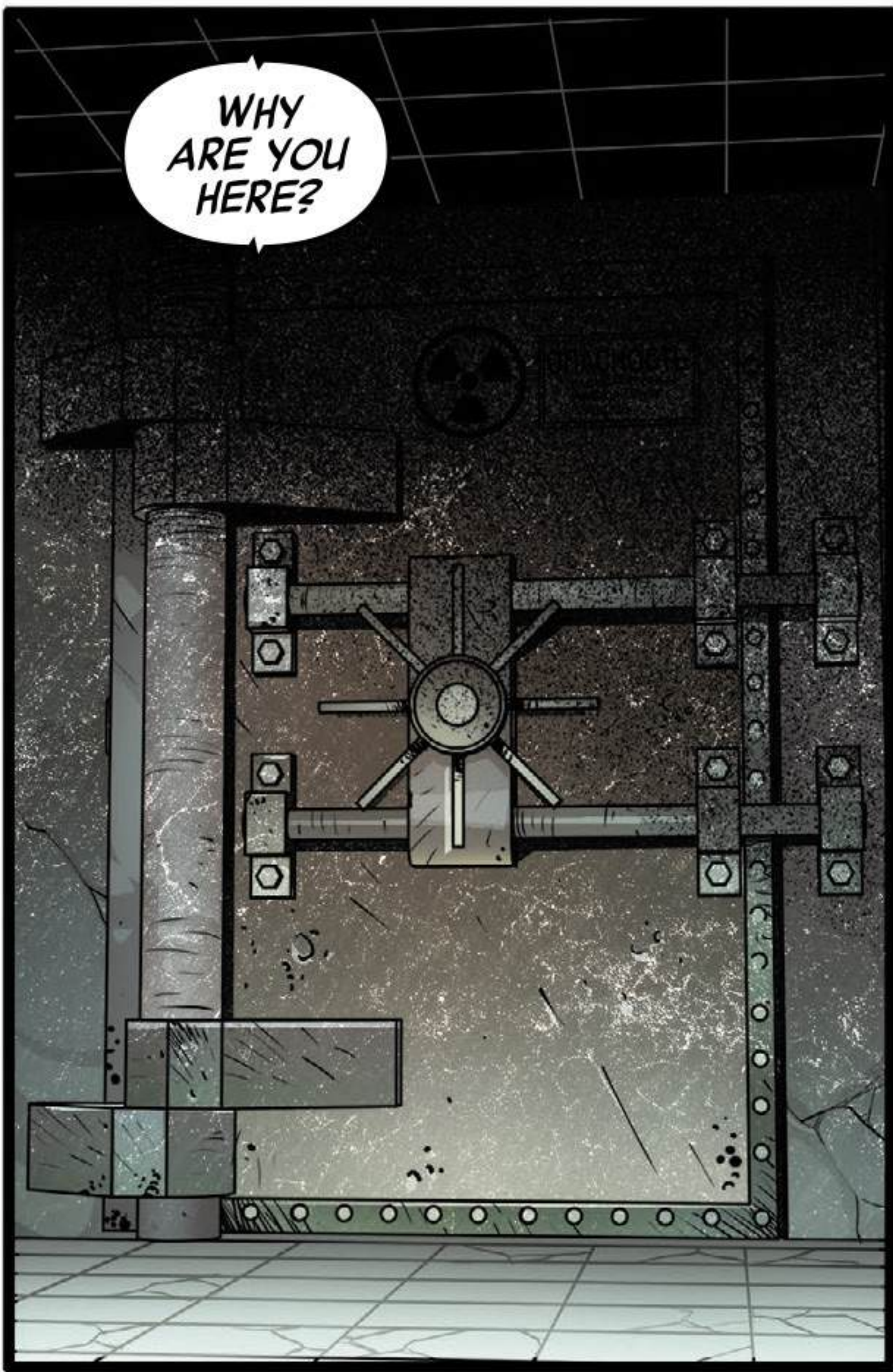
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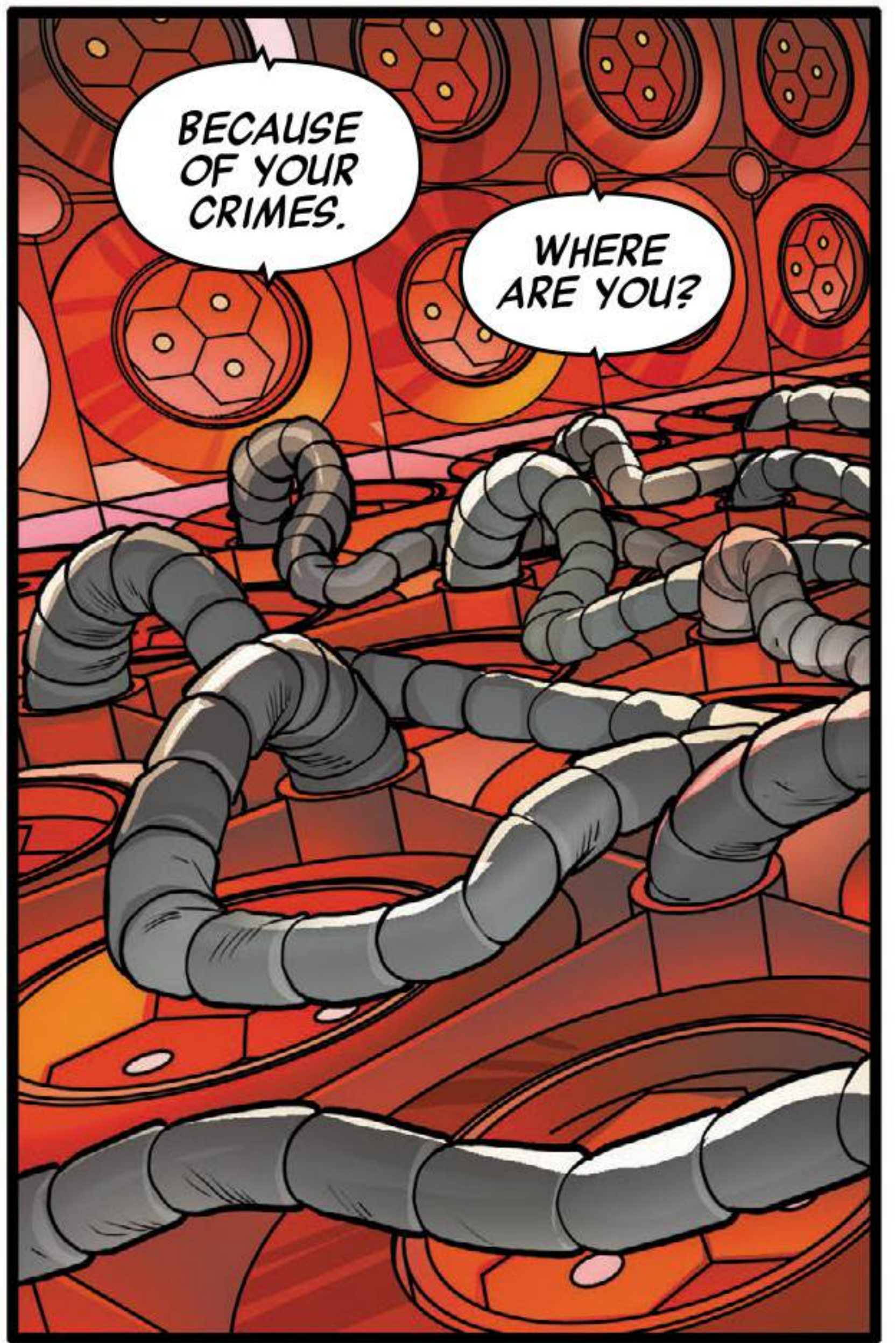




WHY
ARE YOU
HERE?



YOU
TELL
ME.



BECAUSE
OF YOUR
CRIMES.

WHERE
ARE YOU?

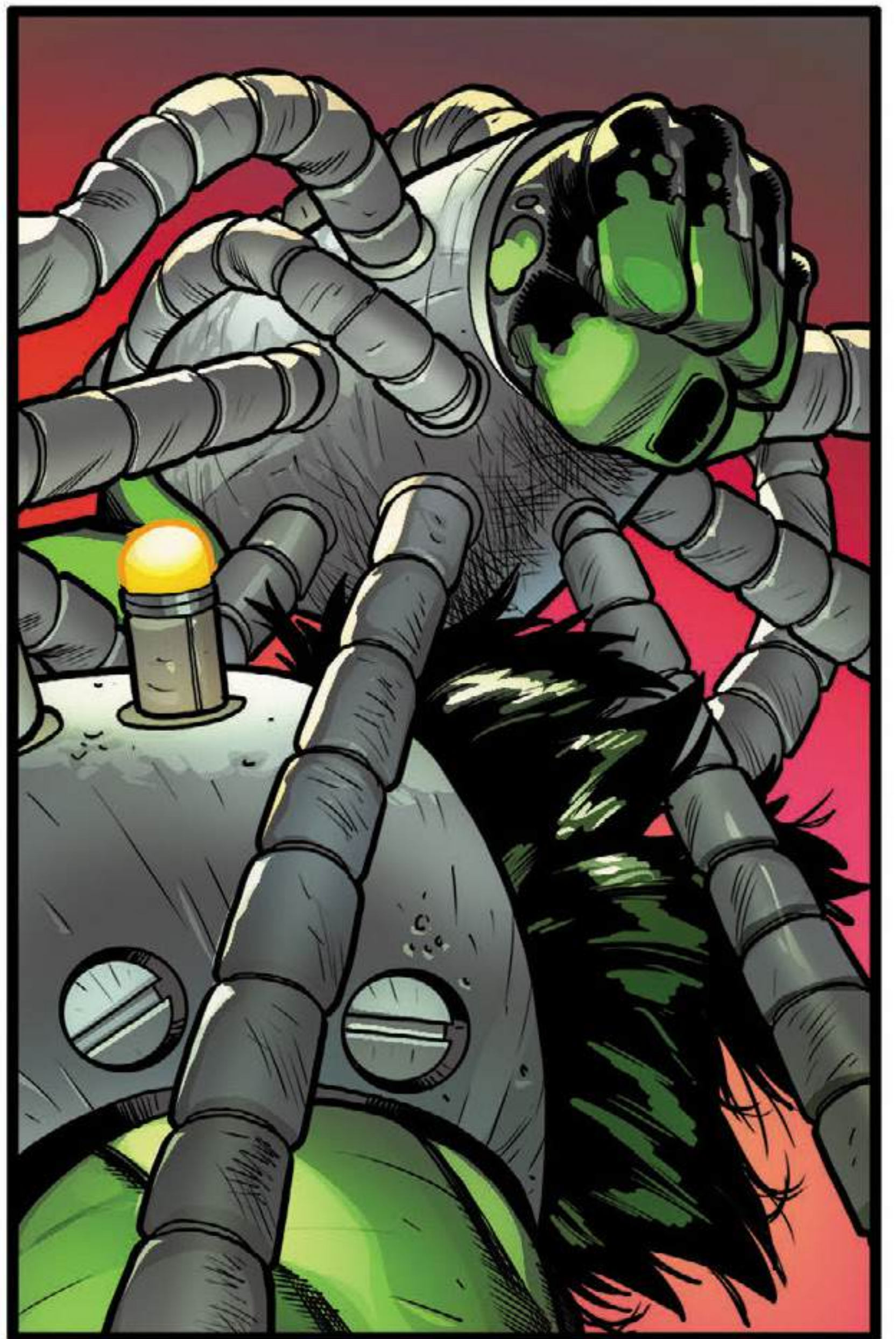


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KNOW.

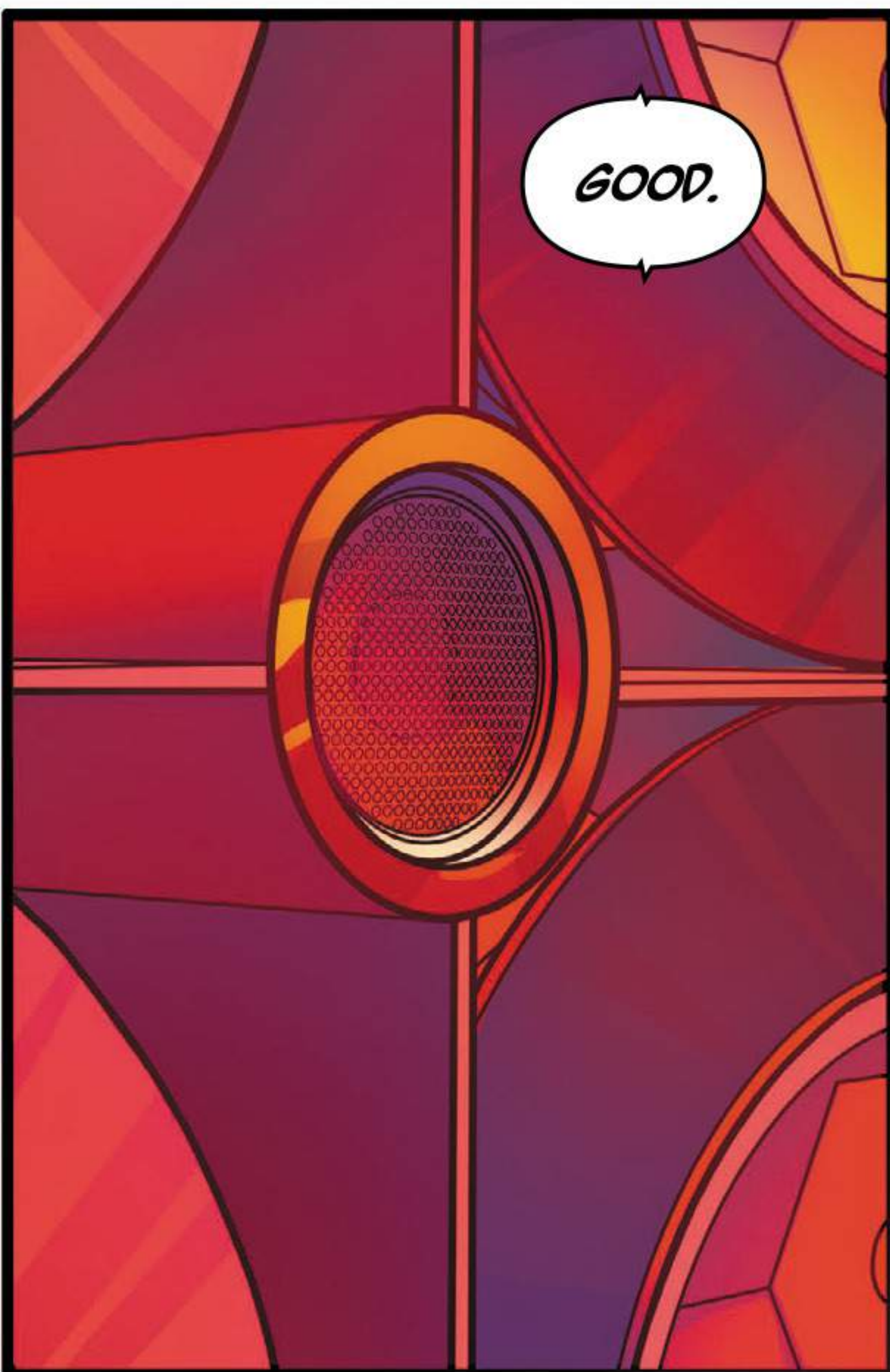


THE ROOM
YOU WILL DIE
IN.

WHO
ARE
YOU?



I CAN'T
REMEMBER.

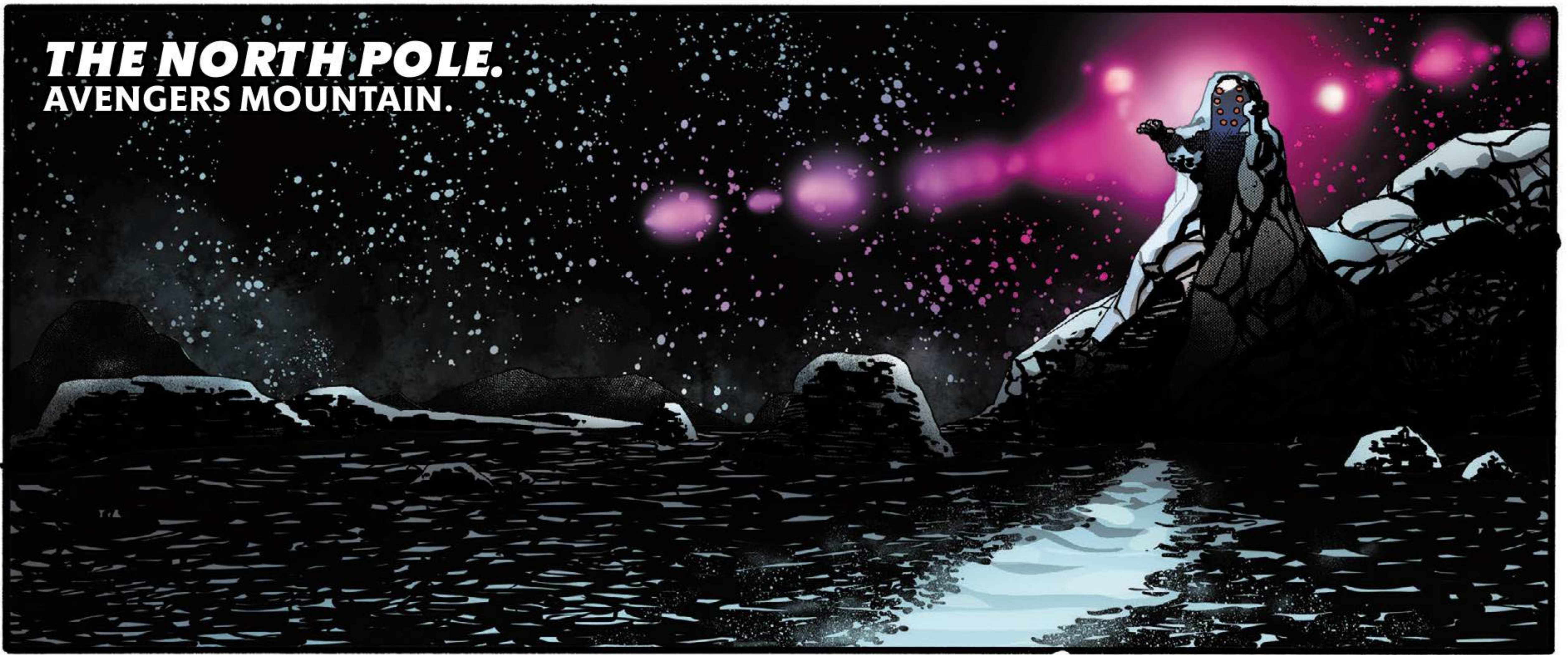


GOOD.

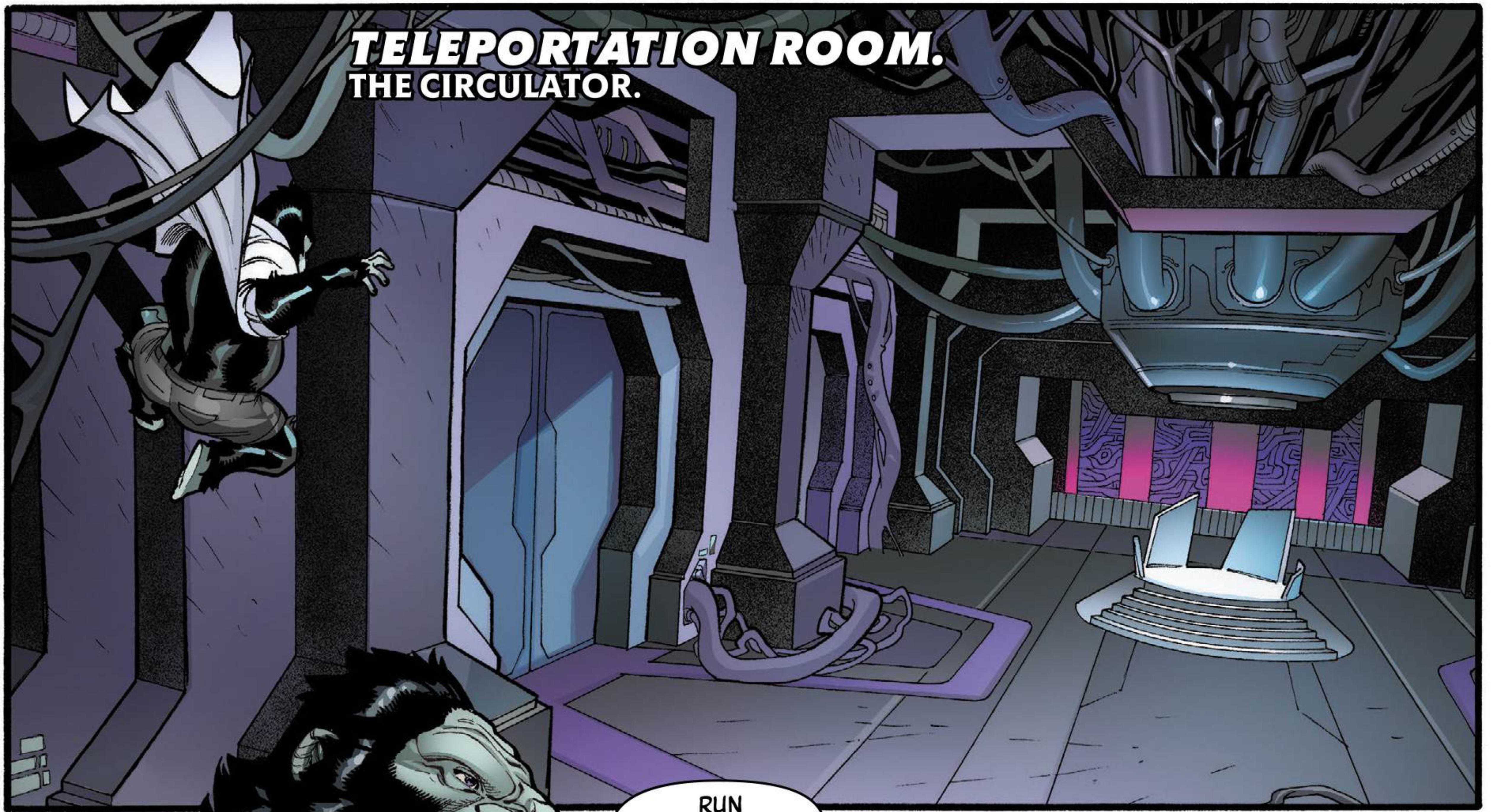


WHY
ARE YOU
HERE?

THE NORTH POLE.
AVENGERS MOUNTAIN.



**TELEPORTATION ROOM.
THE CIRCULATOR.**



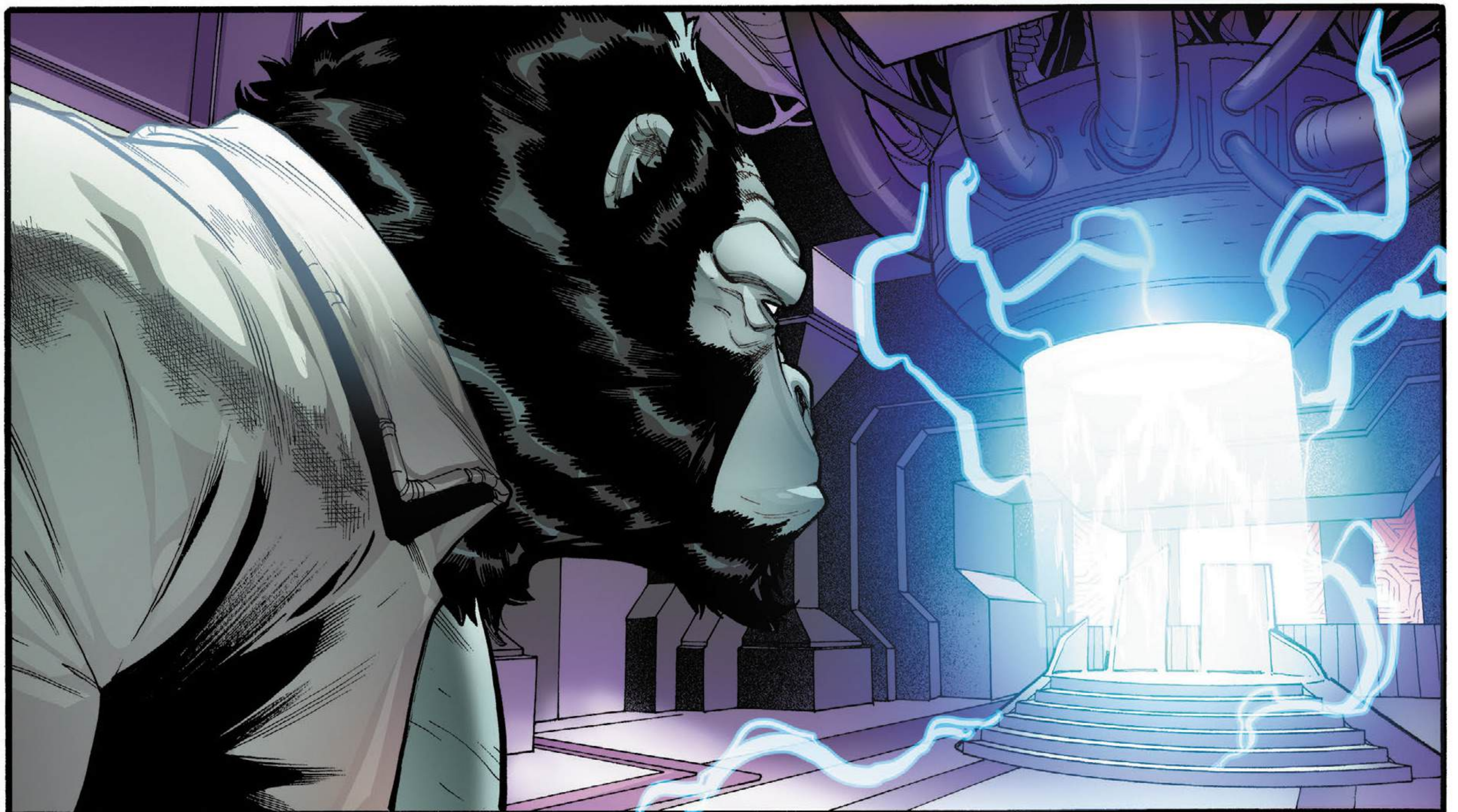
RUN
SECURITY DRILL
OMEGA 18.

VOICE
RECOGNIZED.
KENNETH HALE.
GORILLA-MAN.

ALL ALARM
SENSORS POWERING
DOWN. SPINAL LIFT
DISABLED.

THE
MOUNTAIN
DOESN'T FEEL
WELL TODAY,
MR. HALE.

SHUT
UP.





HOW
MANY ARE
ON-SITE?

FIVE
AVENGERS.

PLUS THE
PHOENIX AND
SOME STARKID WHO
SCARES THE HELL
OUT OF ME.

THOR?

IN ASGARD.
AND GHOST
RIDER'S WHEREVER
THE #%&@
GHOST RIDERS
GO.

I'VE
POISONED
AVENGERS
MOUNTAIN, BUT
YOU WON'T
HAVE LONG.

WE
WON'T
NEED
IT.

WHERE
IS SHE?



AND UNDERNEATH ALL THAT, THE PART OF YOU THAT'S STILL THE STRONGEST...IS THE PART THAT'S **JEN WALTERS**.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

THE FEE AGREEMENT MUST INCLUDE THE THIRTEEN MANDATED PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN 22 NYCRR 1400.3...

...ONE OF WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE CLIENT RECEIVE AN ITEMIZED BILL EVERY 60 DAYS.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES REGARDING THE MANDATORY WRITTEN AGREEMENT MAY CAUSE THE ATTORNEY TO FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO RECOVER UNPAID FEES (SEE *McMAHON V. EVANS*, BROOME COUNTY 1996) OR LEAD TO...TO DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS.

JEN?

"ARE YOU FOCUSING ON YOUR **MANTRA**?"

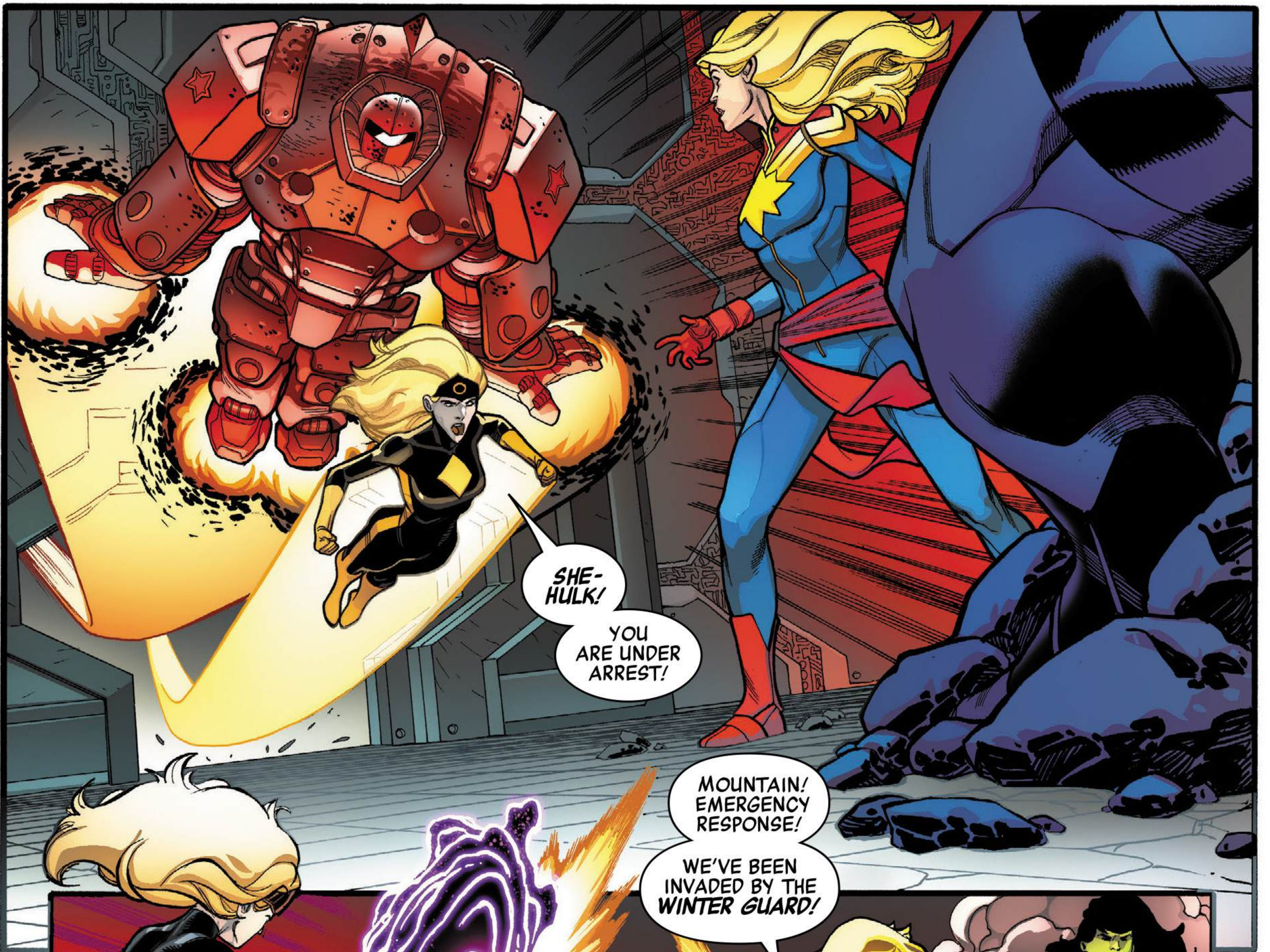
"WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW, INSIDE YOUR MIND?"

HAPPY PLACE.

GOOD GIRL.

JUST LIKE WE'VE BEEN **PRACTICING**, RIGHT?

SLOW YOUR BREATHING AND SHOW THE WORLD... YOU ARE SAVAGE AND SENSATIONAL. YOU ARE...



**SHE-
HULK!**

**YOU
ARE UNDER
ARREST!**

**MOUNTAIN!
EMERGENCY
RESPONSE!**

**WE'VE BEEN
INVADED BY THE
WINTER GUARD!**



**ERROR:
REQUEST NOT
RECOGNIZED. ERROR:
THE MOUNTAIN'S
BRAIN IS BROKEN.**

**YOUR
CELESTIAL
CANNOT
SAVE HER!**



**JUSTICE
WILL BE DONE
THIS DAY!**

**IN THE NAME
OF THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION!**



YOU HAVE THE
RIGHT TO REMAIN
SILENT, HULK!

RRRRGGH!



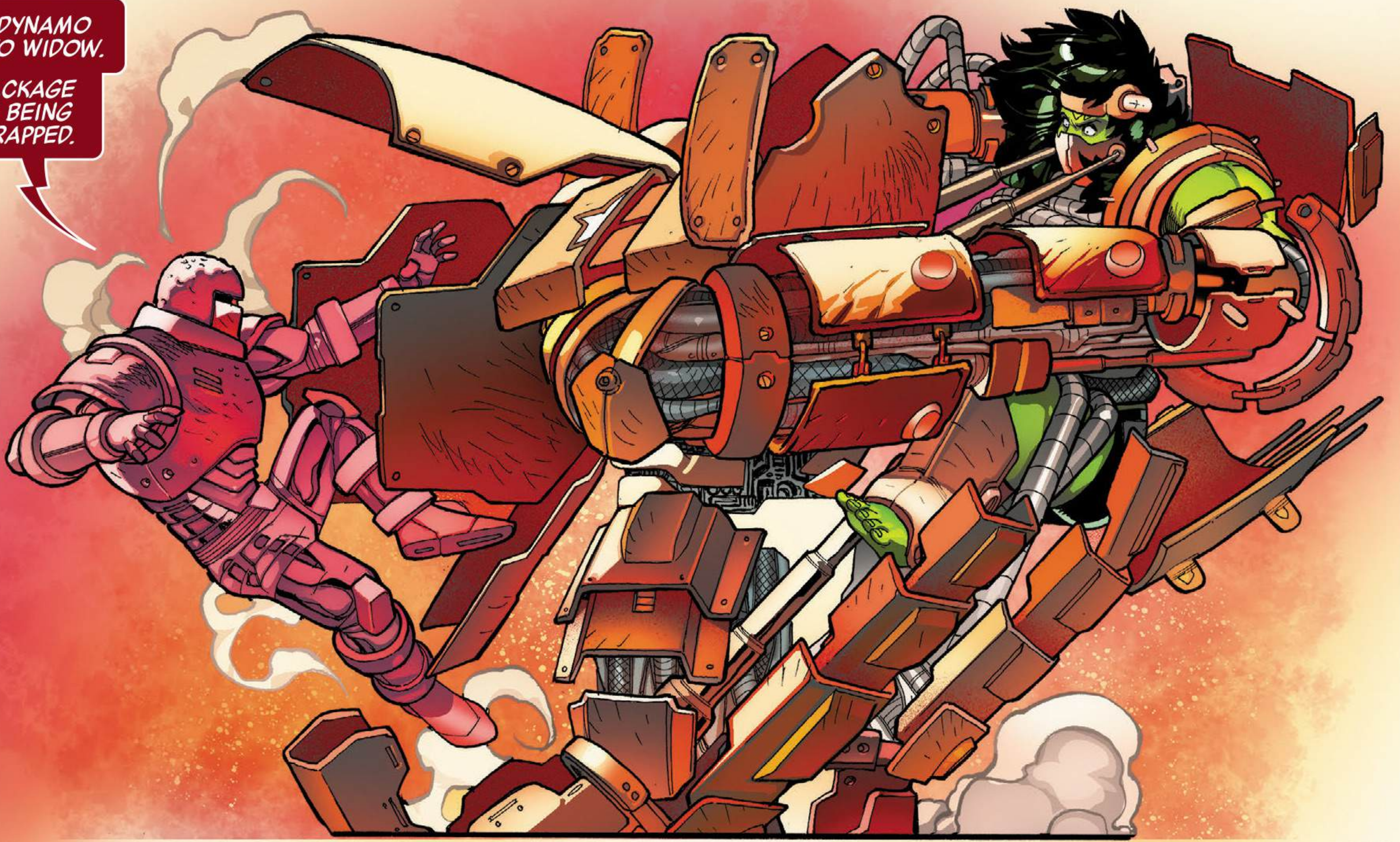
AND YOU WILL,
WHETHER YOU
LIKE IT OR NOT.

**HULKBUSTER,
ENGAGE.**

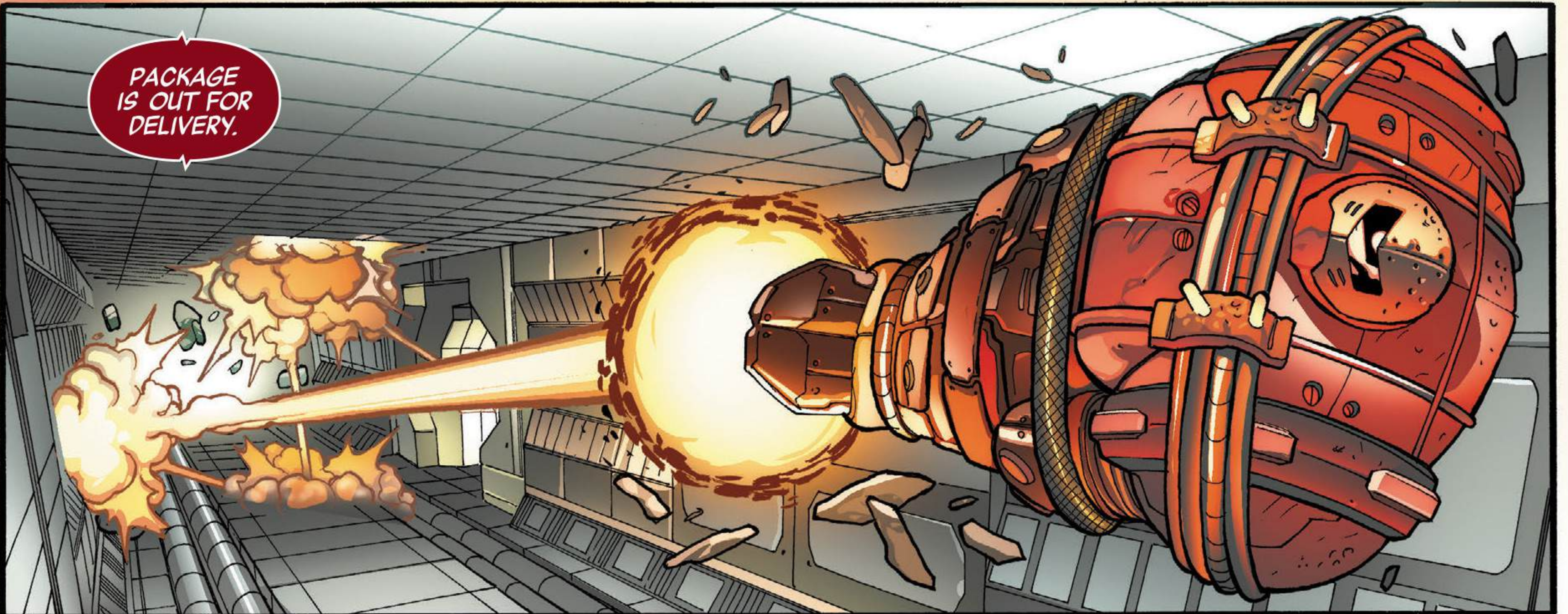


HHHRGH?

DYNAMO
TO WIDOW.
PACKAGE
IS BEING
WRAPPED.



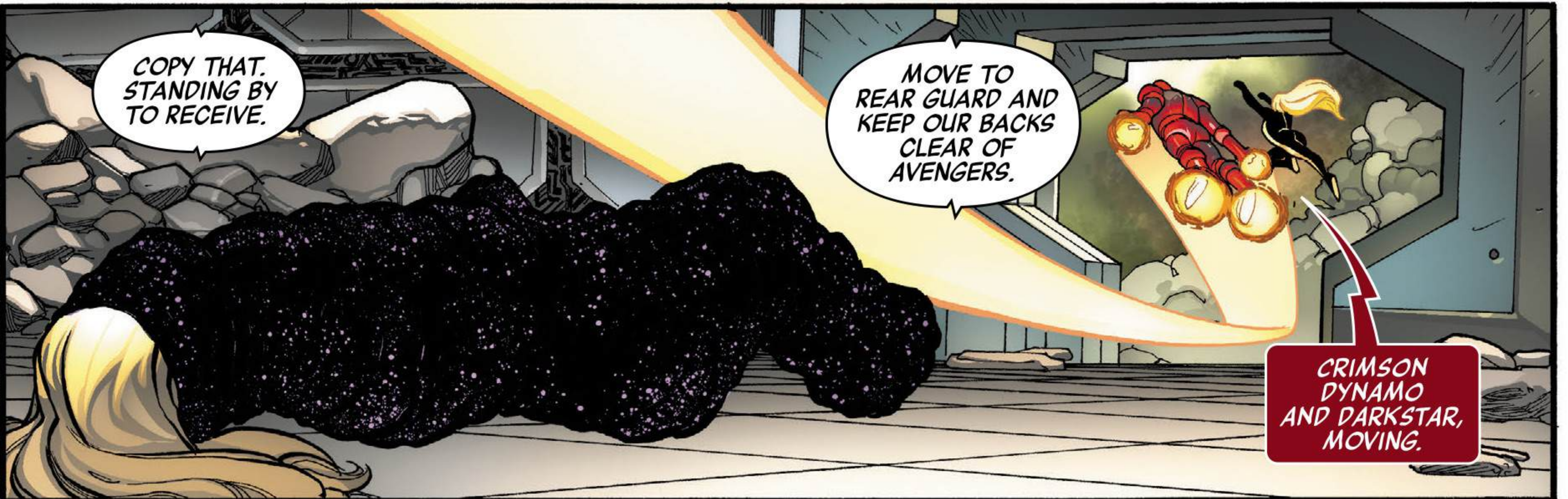
PACKAGE
IS OUT FOR
DELIVERY.



COPY THAT.
STANDING BY
TO RECEIVE.

MOVE TO
REAR GUARD AND
KEEP OUR BACKS
CLEAR OF
AVENGERS.

CRIMSON
DYNAMO
AND DARKSTAR,
MOVING.



JEN!!!



MED LAB.

YES, I AGREE THE TESTS HAVE GONE WELL, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO PUTTING EITHER OF YOU IN THE **FIELD**...

...I STILL HAVE MY RESERVATIONS.

I'LL REMIND YOU, CAPTAIN, THAT WE ALREADY **DID** PUT THEM INTO THE FIELD. IN THE **REBORN** WORLD.

YEAH, AND TOGETHER, THE KID AND I WERE ABLE TO BREAK MEPHISTO'S SPELL AND SAVE ALL REALITY!

IF YOU PEOPLE GIVE ME ONE MORE TEST, I'M TELLING YOU, I WILL BURN THIS STUPID SPACE GOD TO THE GROUND.

YOU **LITERALLY** GREW UP OVERNIGHT, **BRANDI**.

AND, **MAYA**, WHILE YOU'VE BEEN A VALUED AVENGER BEFORE, YOU NOW WIELD A POWER THAT I ONCE WENT TO **WAR** OVER, TO KEEP IT AWAY FROM THE EARTH.

LOOKS LIKE YOU **LOST** THAT WAR.

SO, YES, I HAVE MY CONCERNS. ESPECIALLY NOW, WHEN, MORE THAN EVER, THE WHOLE WORLD IS TRYING TO TEAR THE AVENGERS APART.

WHICH IS EXACTLY WHY WE NEED THE **ANCIENT POWERS**, STEVEN. THIS IS OUR ANCESTORS SHOWING US THE WAY.

SHE WAS A **BABY** A WEEK AGO, T'CHALLA! THERE'S NOTHING ANCIENT ABOUT HER!

≡SNIFF≡ THE **DARKFORCE**.

BRANDI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THE **STARBRAND** WILL BURN ANYONE WHO'S A THREAT TO THE EARTH!

AND WHETHER YOU AVENGERS KNOW IT OR NOT...

"...YOU'VE GOT A THREAT RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSES!"

HEY, THERE HE IS AGAIN.

SERIOUSLY, DR. ZAIUS, I COULD REALLY USE SOME HELP HERE.

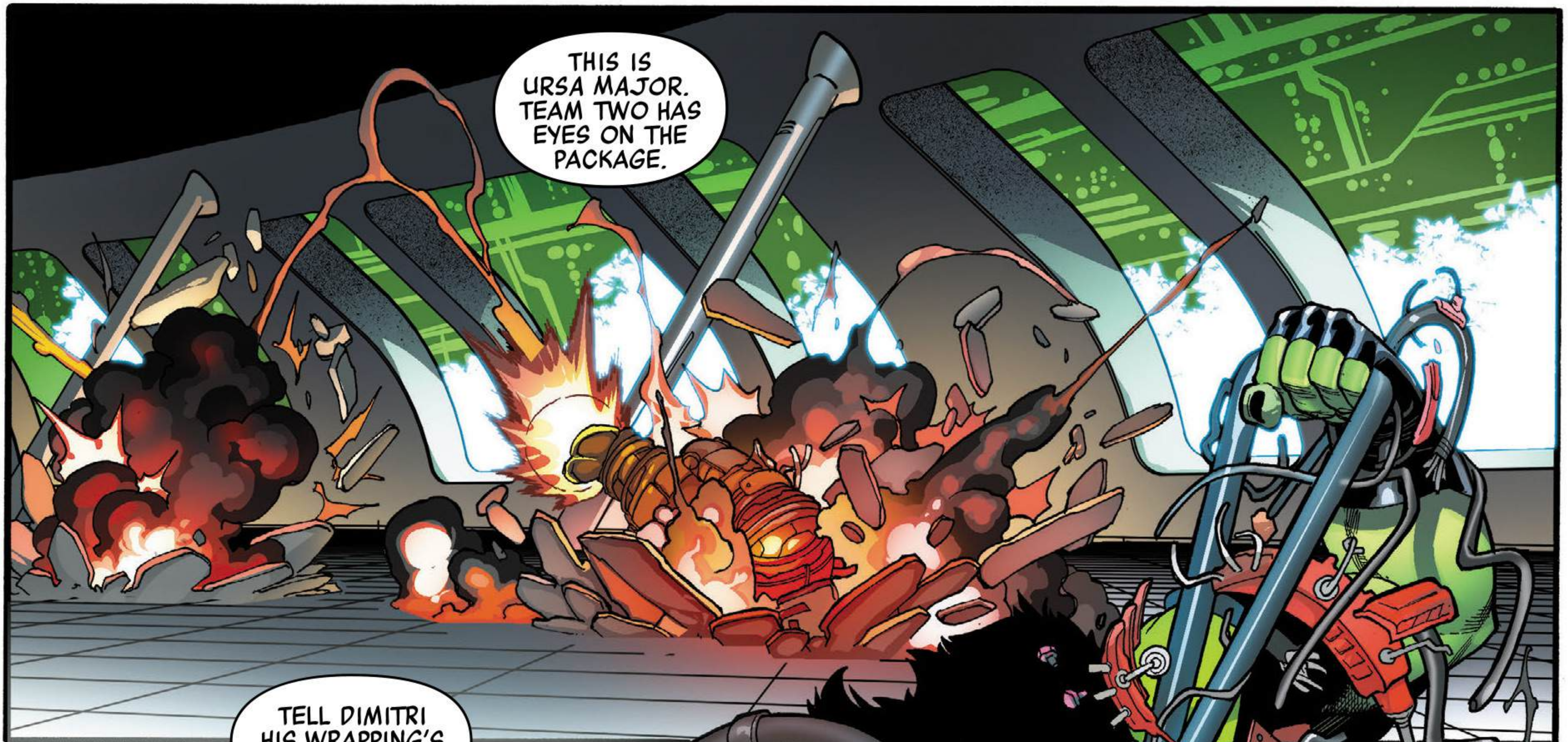
IT'S LIKE THE CELESTIAL'S ARTERIES ARE CLOGGED.

YOU KNOW THIS PLACE BETTER THAN ANYONE, HALE. WHAT KINDA SCHEMATICS DO YOU HAVE OF THE VASCULAR--

GRRGH!!!

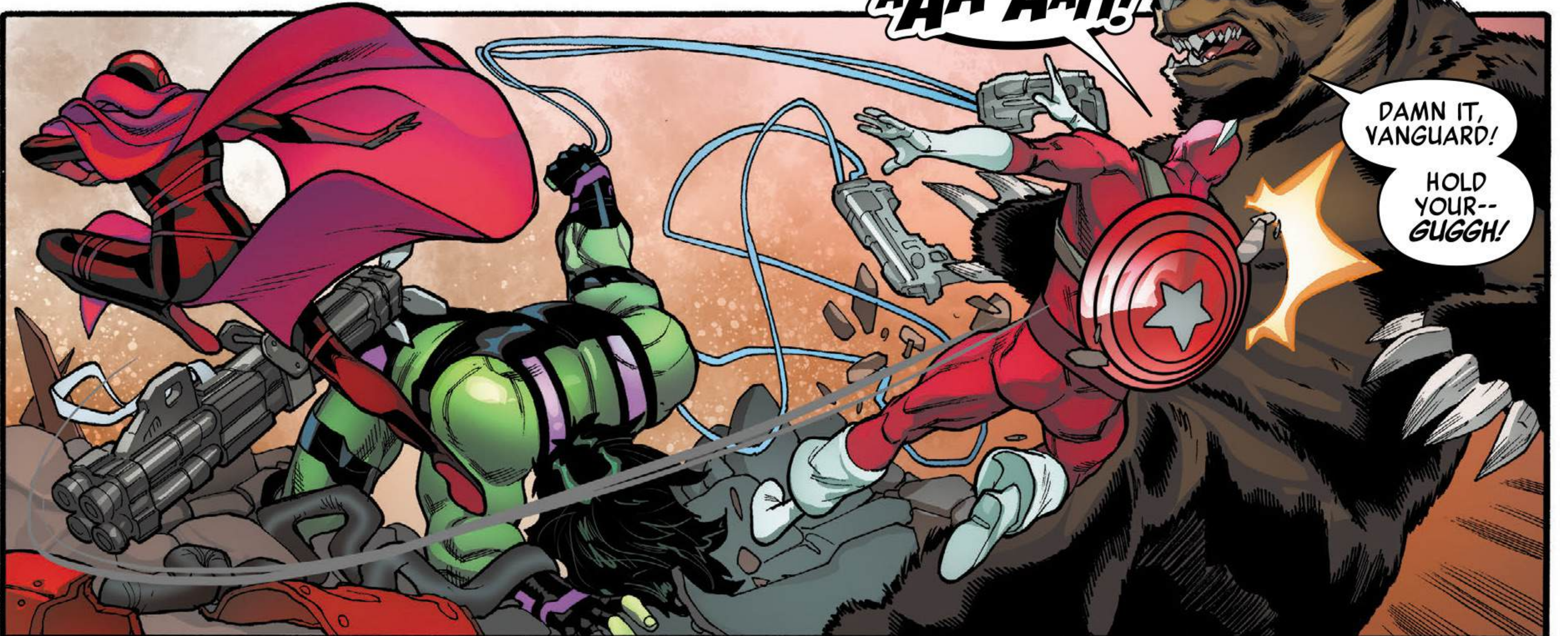
UUUGH!

GGRRROOORRRH!



TELL DIMITRI
HIS WRAPPING'S
COME UNDONE.







WE'RE LOSING
CONTAINMENT!

VOSTOK!

YES, OF
COURSE,
RED WIDOW.



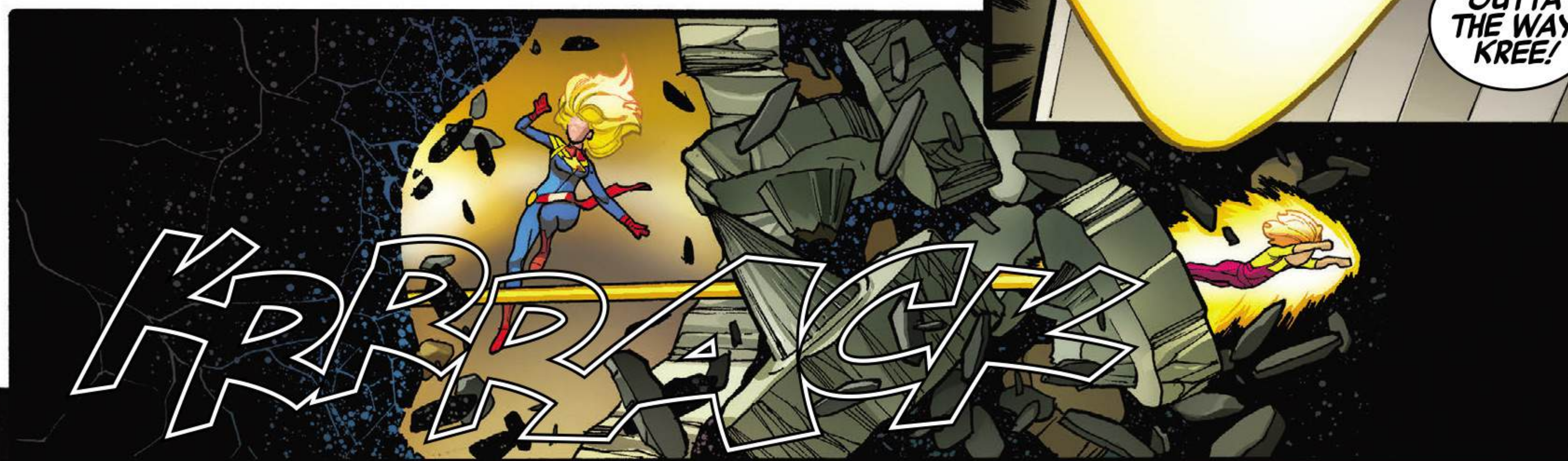
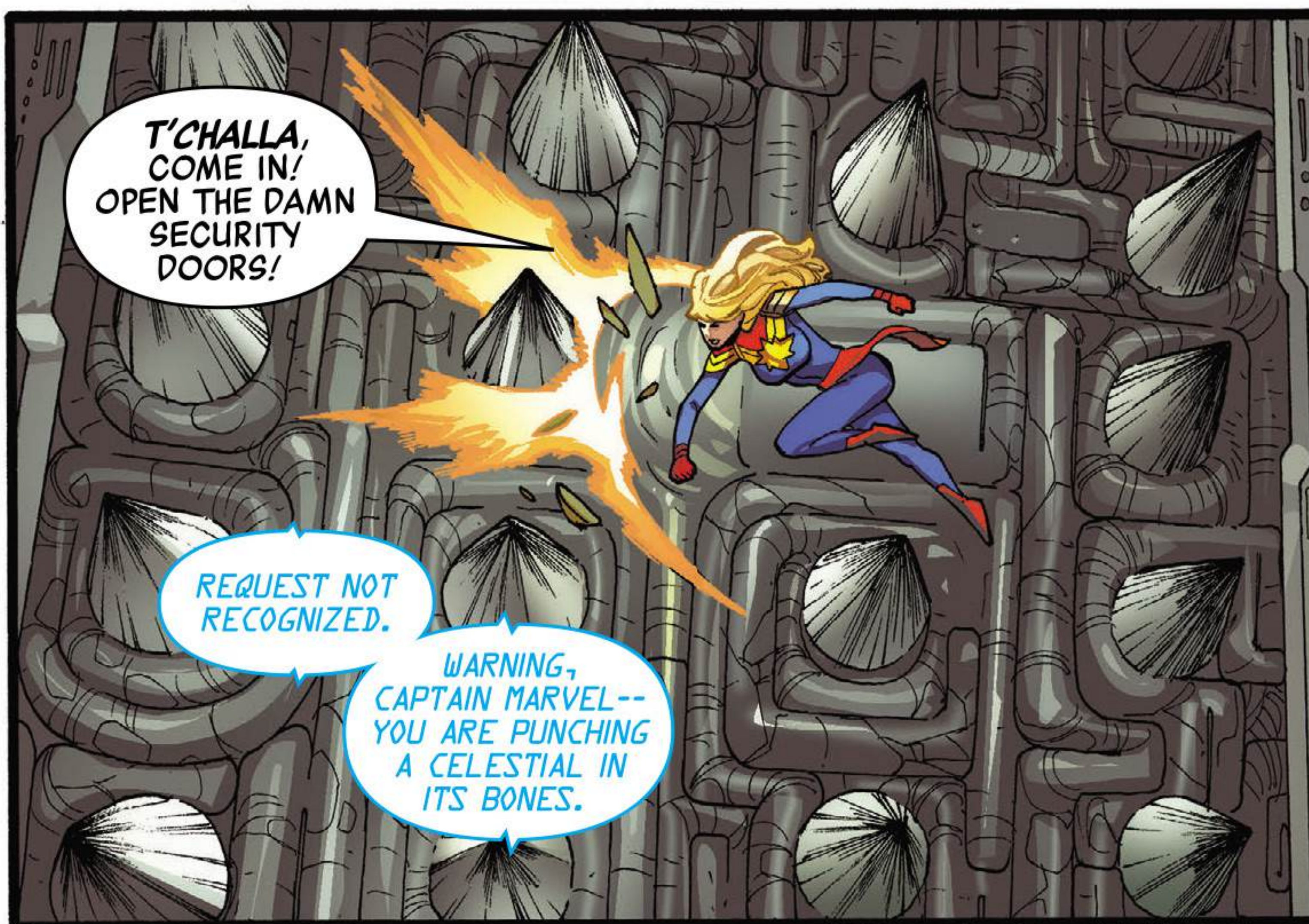
IT
WOULD BE MY
PLEASURE.

HRRGH?



THOUGH IT
MOST ASSUREDLY
WILL NOT BE YOURS,
MS. WALTERS.

HHHHGHAARKK...





KEN. WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?

YOU SAID T'CHALLA WOULD BE READY TO STOP US. WHERE ARE THE AVENGERS?

URSA MAJOR! WE ARE LEAVING!



NO, THAT IS ALL RIGHT.



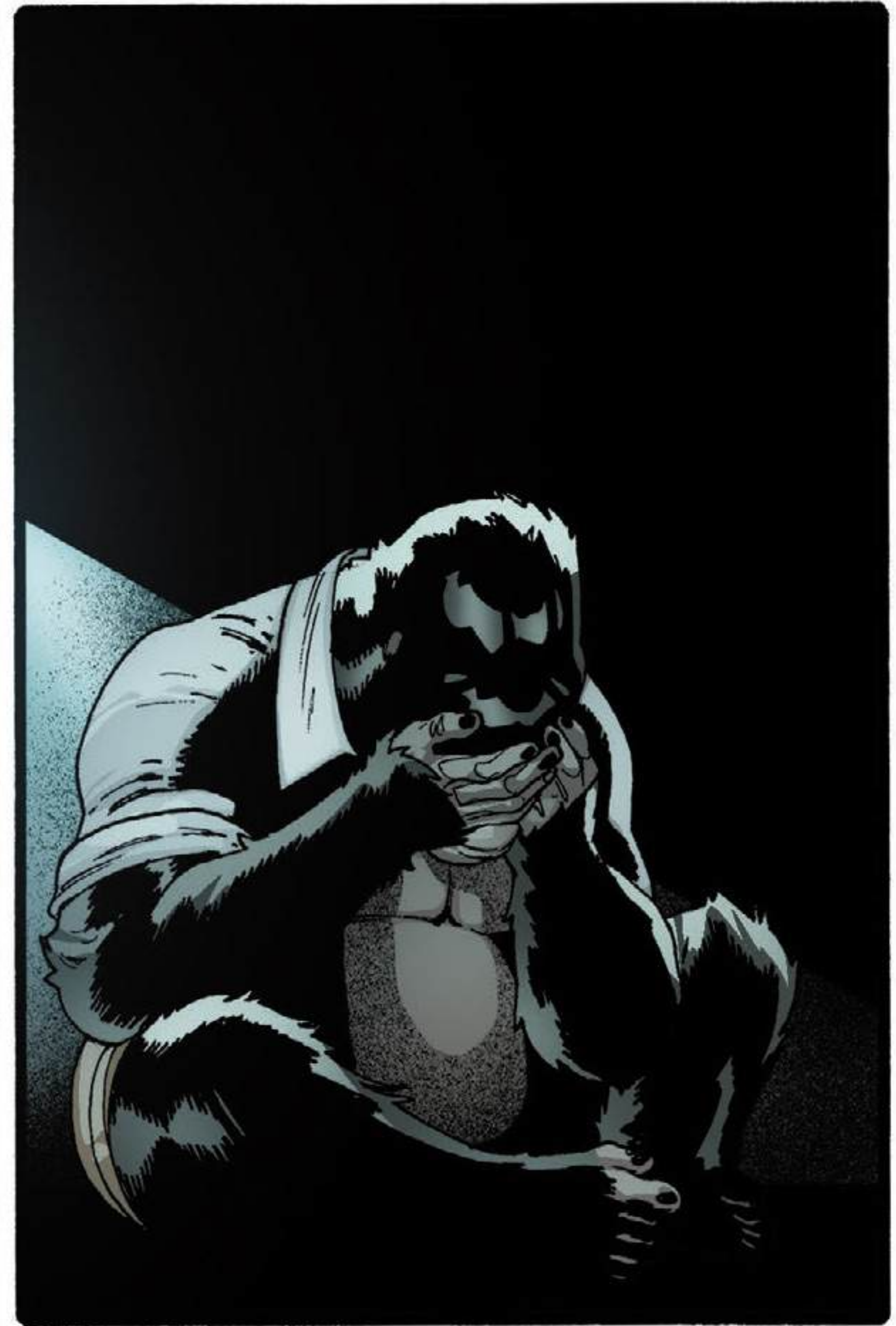
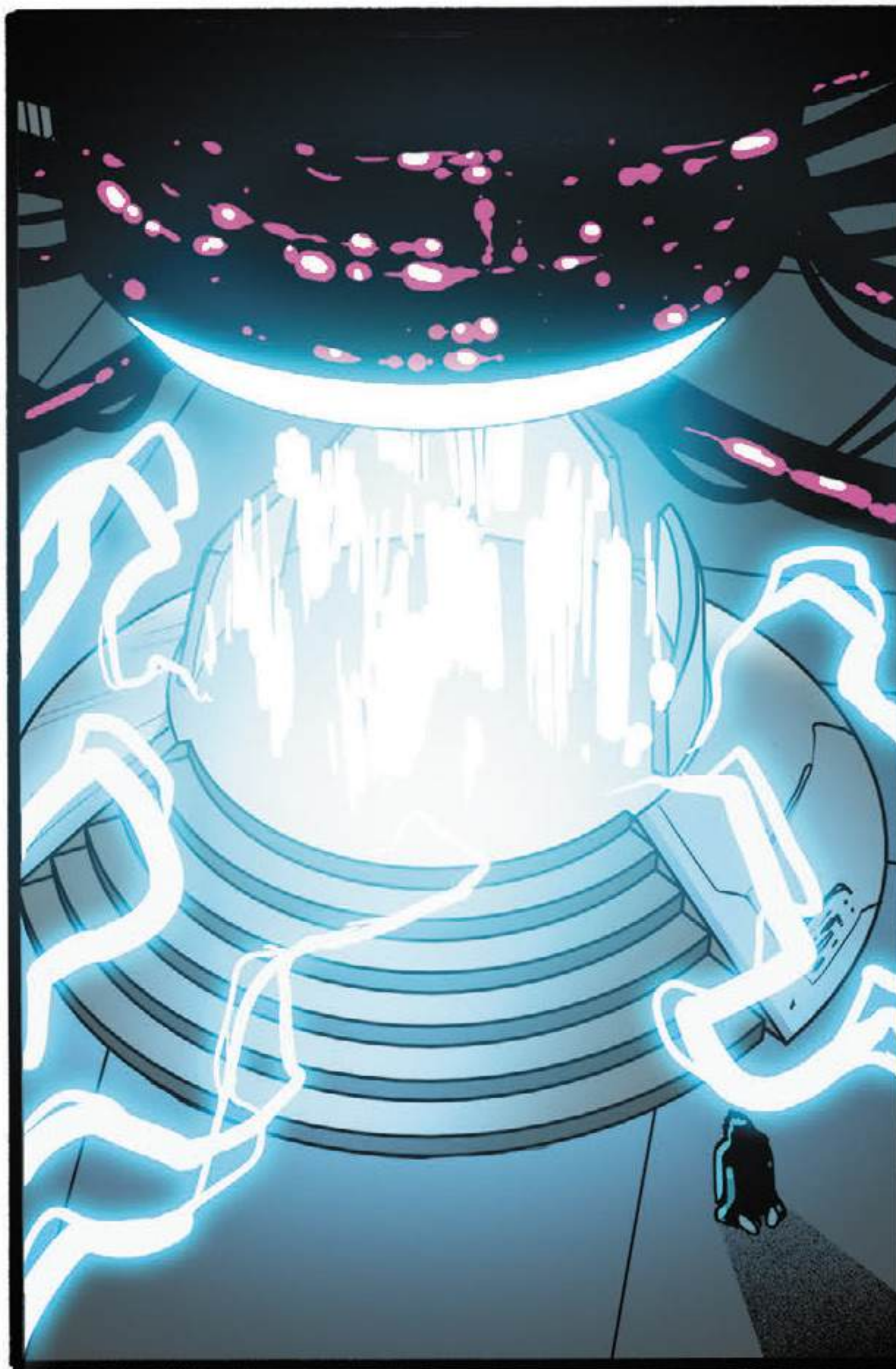
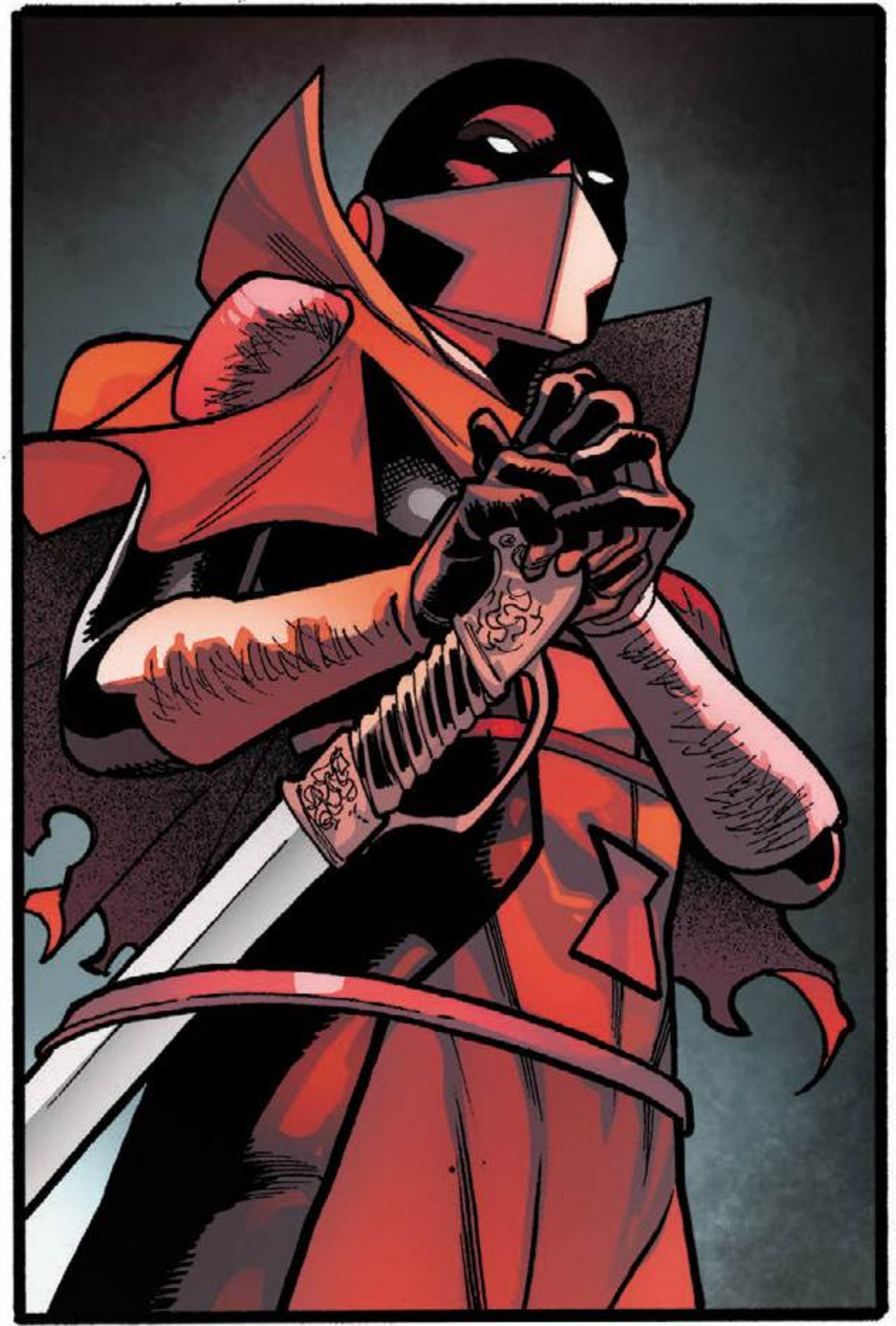
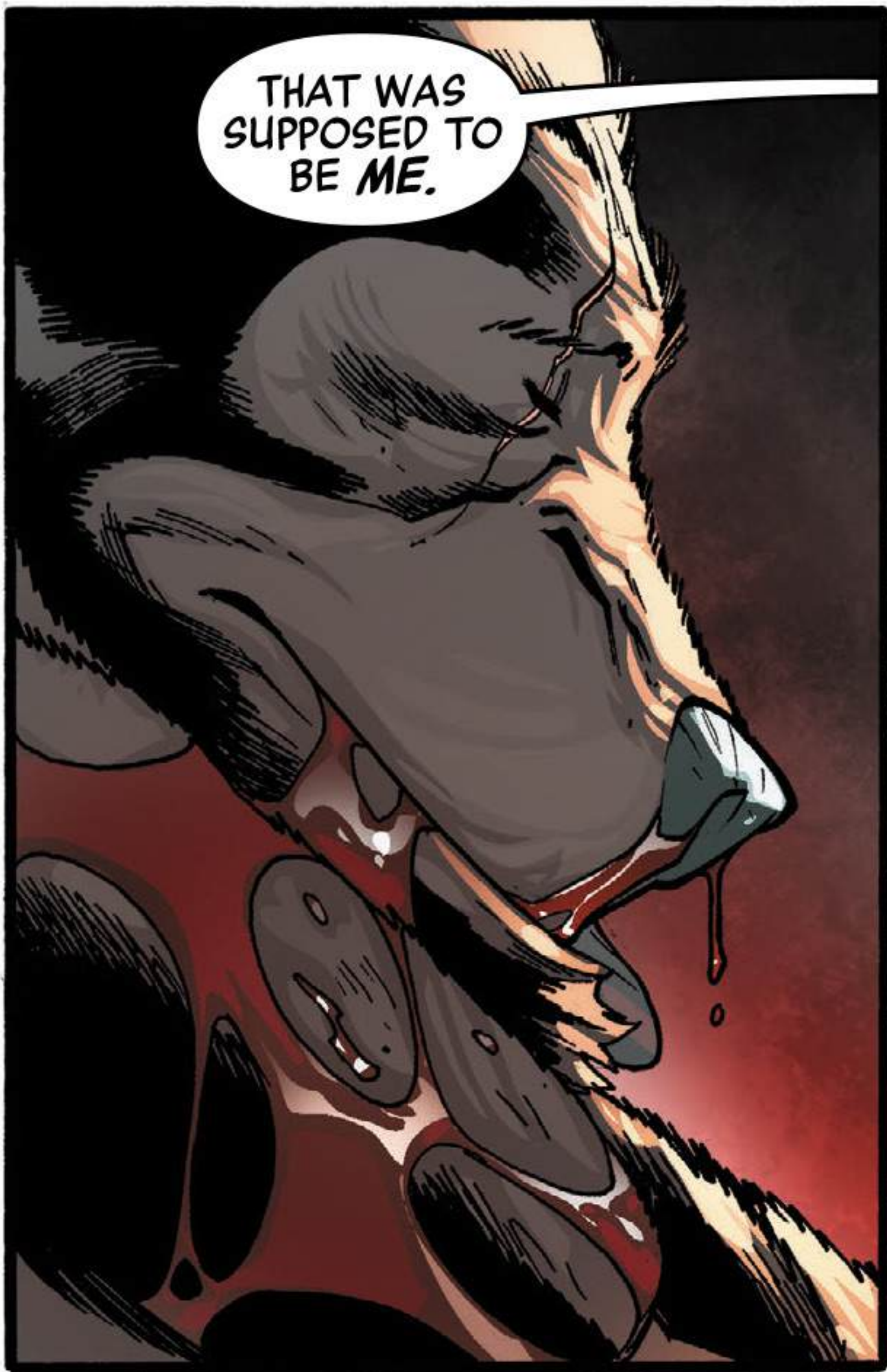
LET THE TRAITOR STAY!

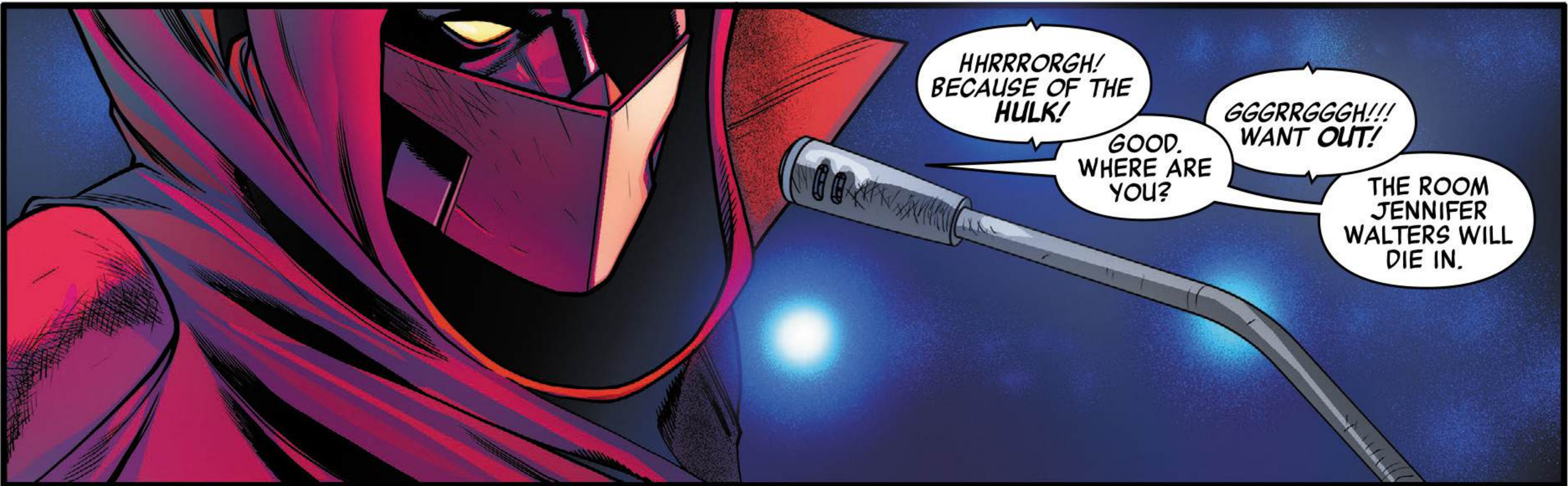
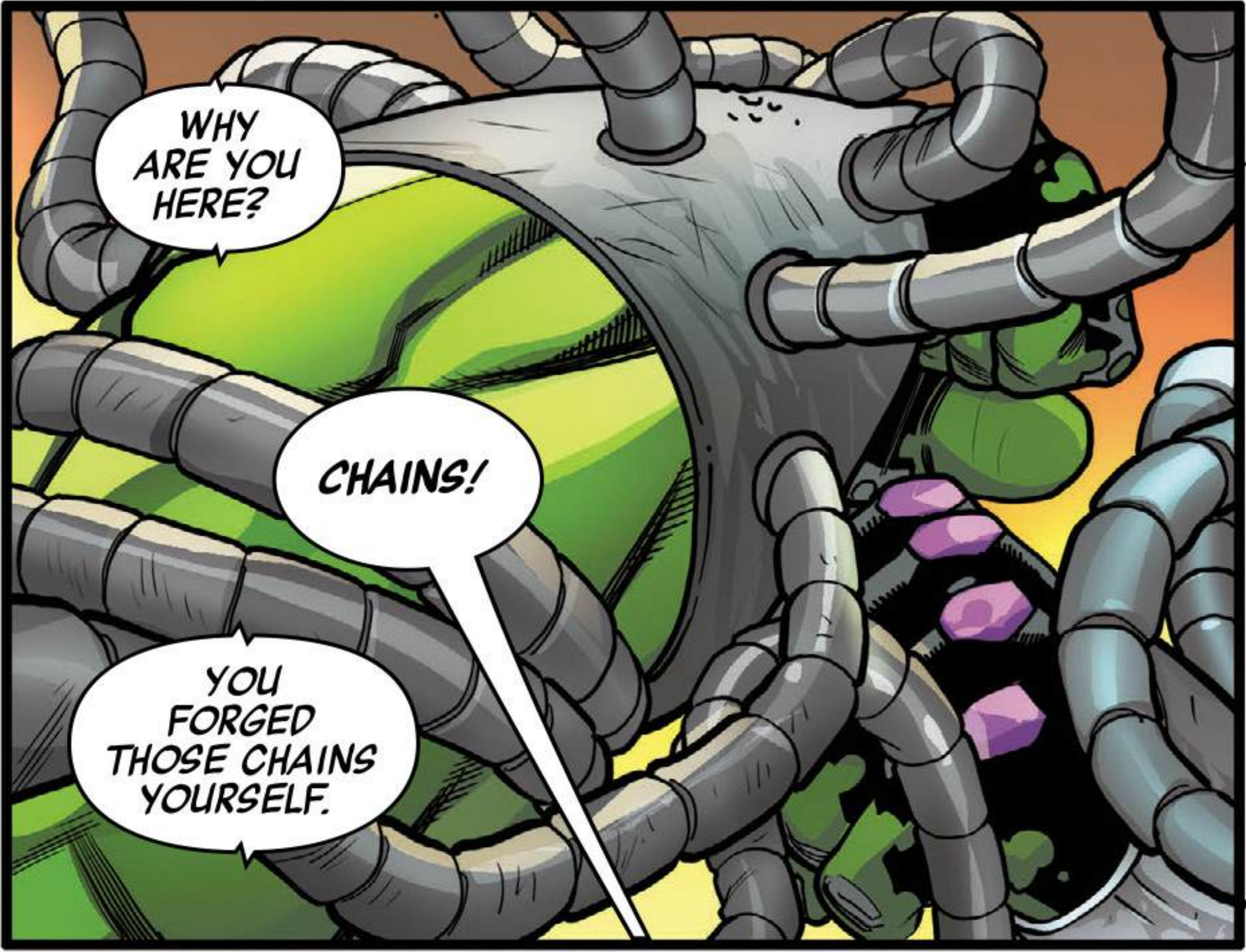
HRRAAIIIRGHHK!



LET'S GO!

THIS WASN'T THE PLAN.





YOU
ARE IN THE
RED ROOM.

WHO ARE
YOU?

**KILL YOU
ALL!!!**

YOU ARE
MY MONSTER
NOW.

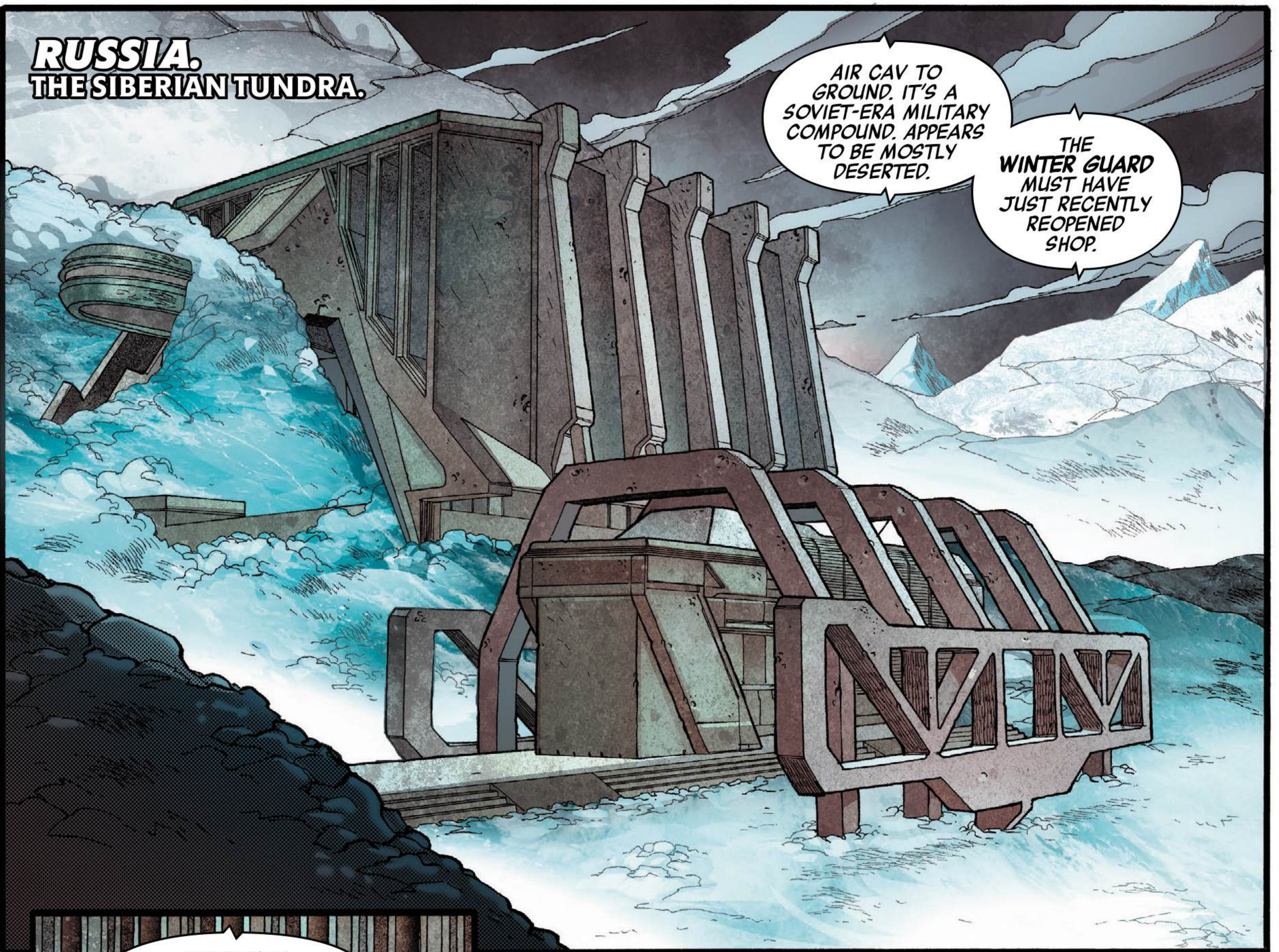
WHY
ARE YOU
HERE?



47 WORLD WAR SHE-HULK PART 2
"THE WINTER HULK"



RUSSIA.
THE SIBERIAN TUNDRA.



AIR CAV TO GROUND. IT'S A SOVIET-ERA MILITARY COMPOUND. APPEARS TO BE MOSTLY DESERTED.

THE WINTER GUARD MUST HAVE JUST RECENTLY REOPENED SHOP.

COPY THAT. I COUNT FIVE GUARDS PATROLLING THE PERIMETER. NO INSIGNIA, BUT I RECOGNIZE THE ARMOR.

WOLF SPIDER SPETSNAZ. THE KREMLIN'S TOP WET WORK TEAM.



I'VE SEEN WHAT THESE GUYS DID IN CHECHNYA. DON'T WORRY ABOUT BEING GENTLE.

CARBONADIUM BODY ARMOR. ONLY WEAK SPOTS FOR A QUIET TAKEDOWN ARE THE EAR HOLES. ABOUT THE SIZE OF A HALF-DOLLAR SLOT.

QUARTER, MORE LIKE IT. REPULSOR SOUND SUPPRESSORS AT MAXIMUM.

SWITCHING TO IRON SNIPER MODE.





GUARDS
ARE DOWN.

GROUND
TEAM MOVING
IN.



AIR CAV,
HOLD YOUR
POSITION.

HOLDING.
BEGRUDGINGLY.
JUST HURRY UP
AND FIND OUR
GIRL.

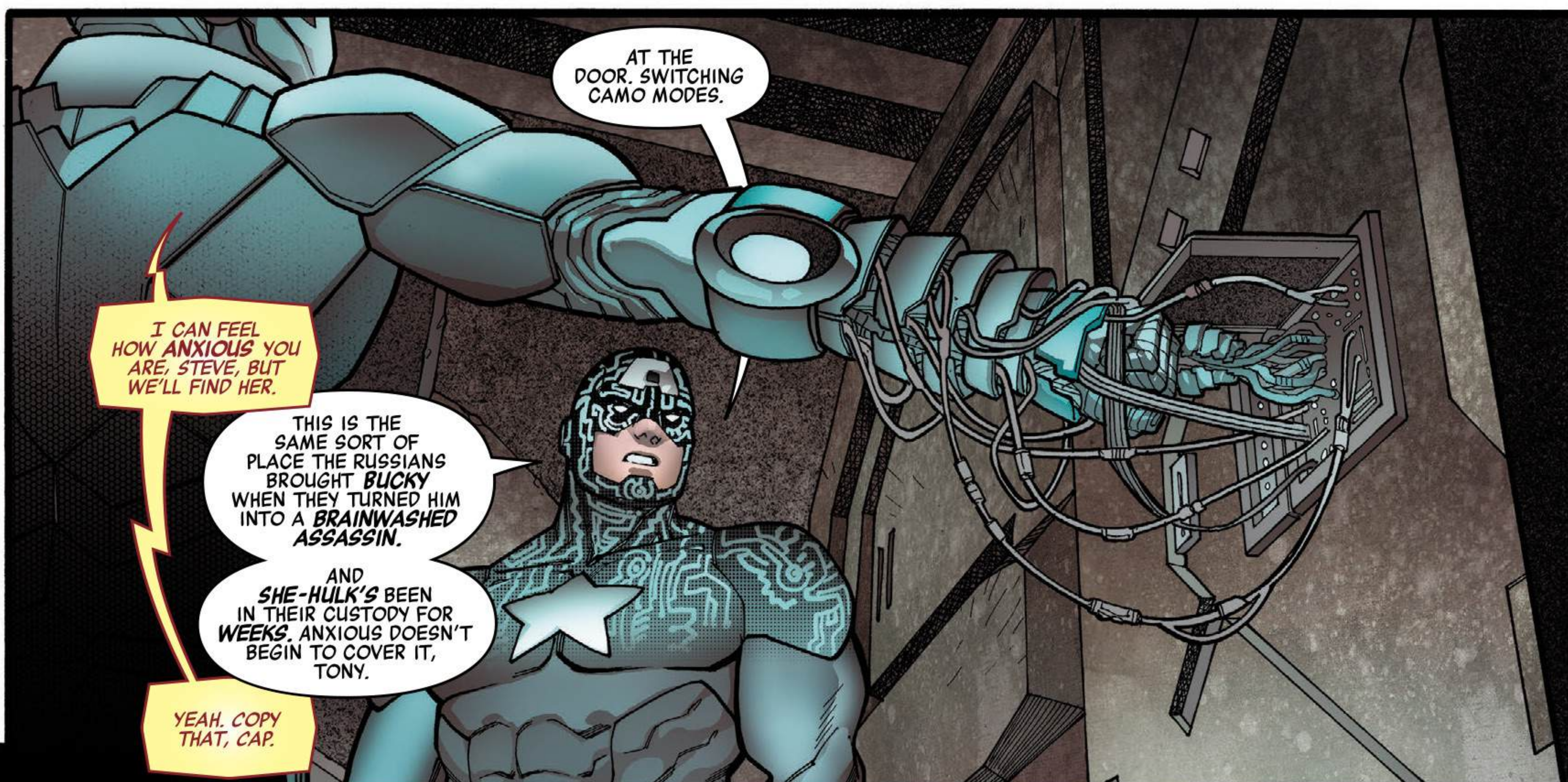
THAT'S
THE PLAN.

UUUGH.



FIND THE TARGET AND
DON'T STICK AROUND
LONG ENOUGH TO
START A WAR.

AH, BUT YOU
AND I ARE
ALWAYS SO
GOOD AT THAT.



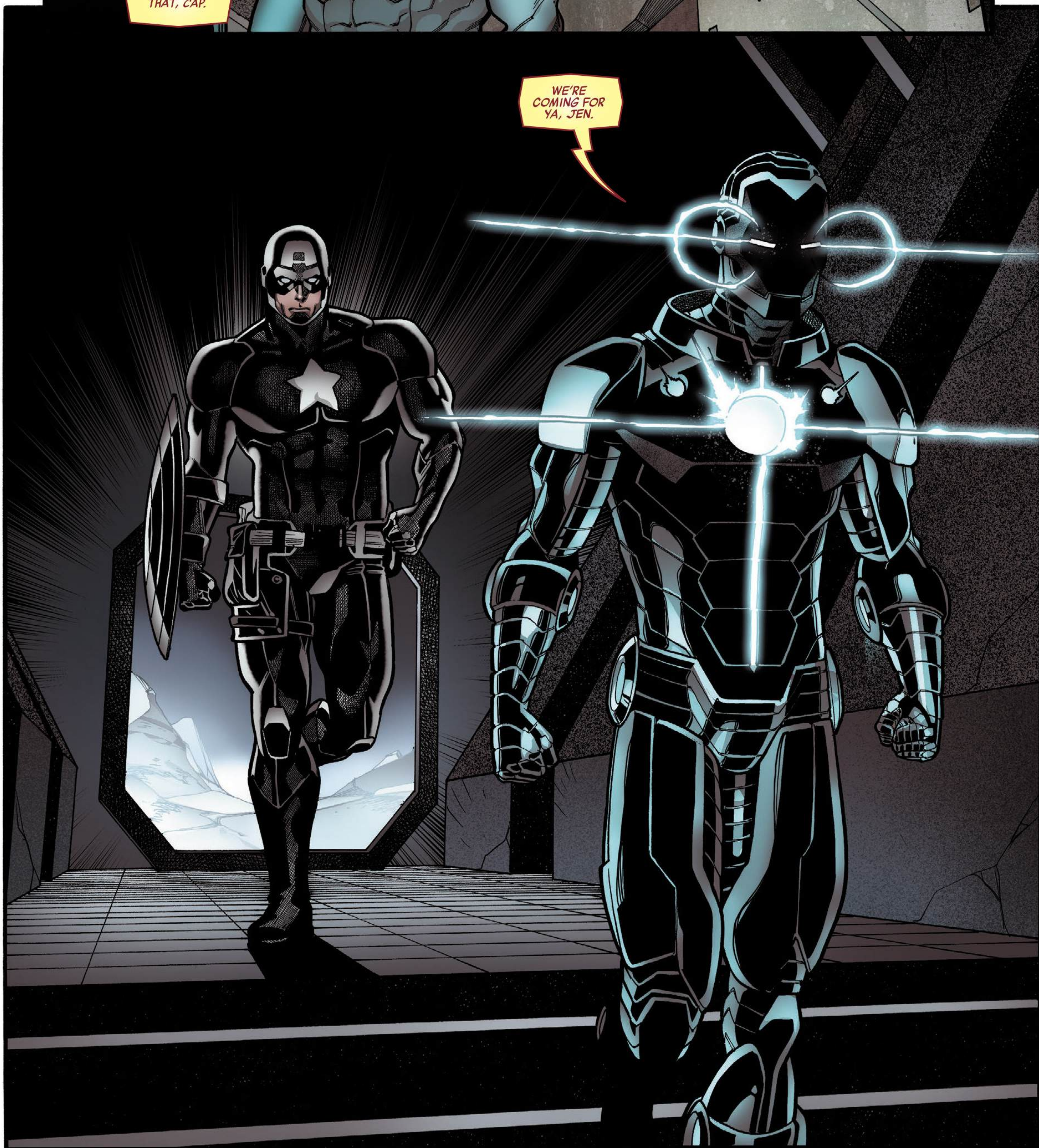
AT THE DOOR. SWITCHING CAMO MODES.

I CAN FEEL HOW **ANXIOUS** YOU ARE, STEVE, BUT WE'LL FIND HER.

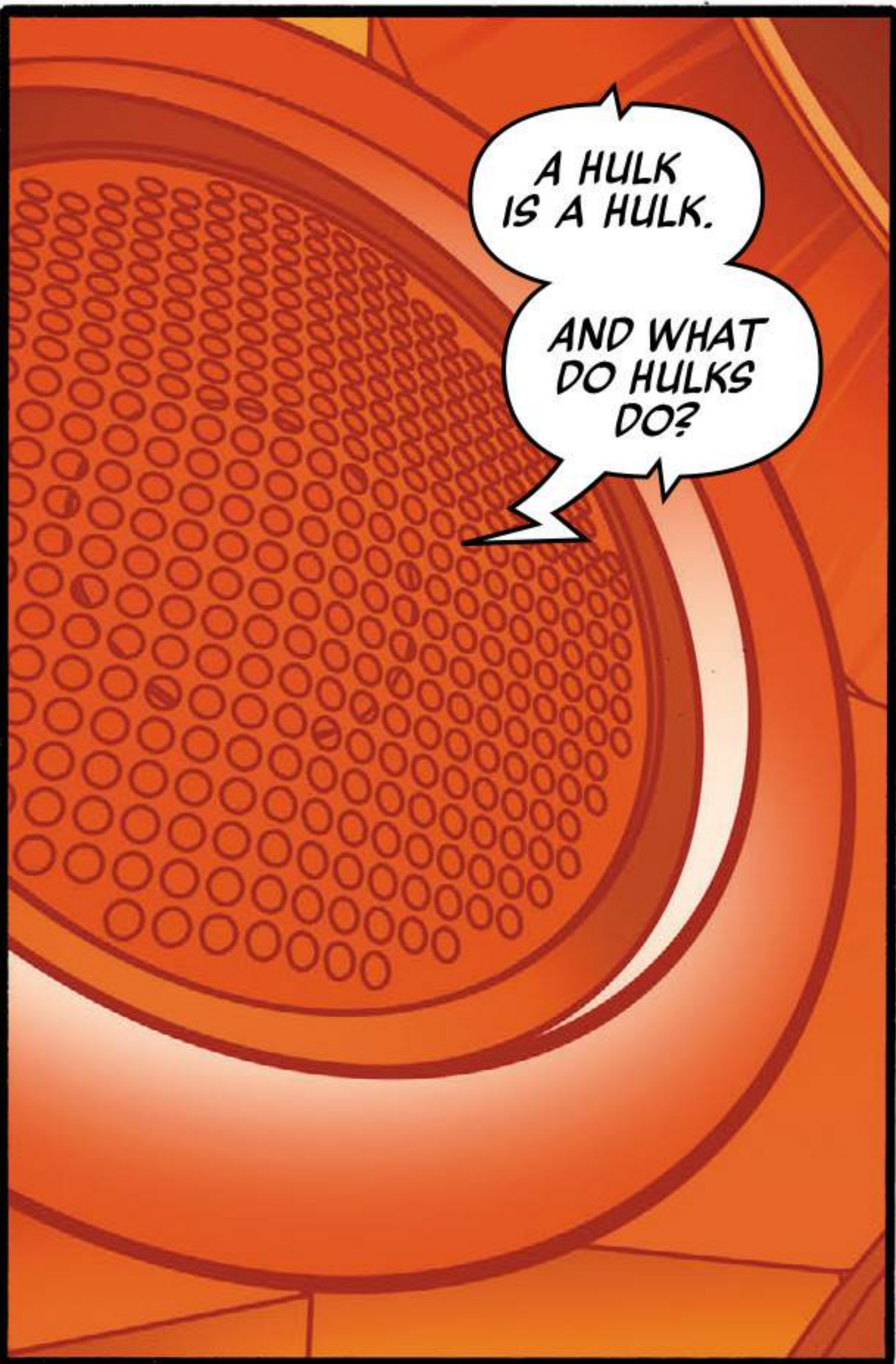
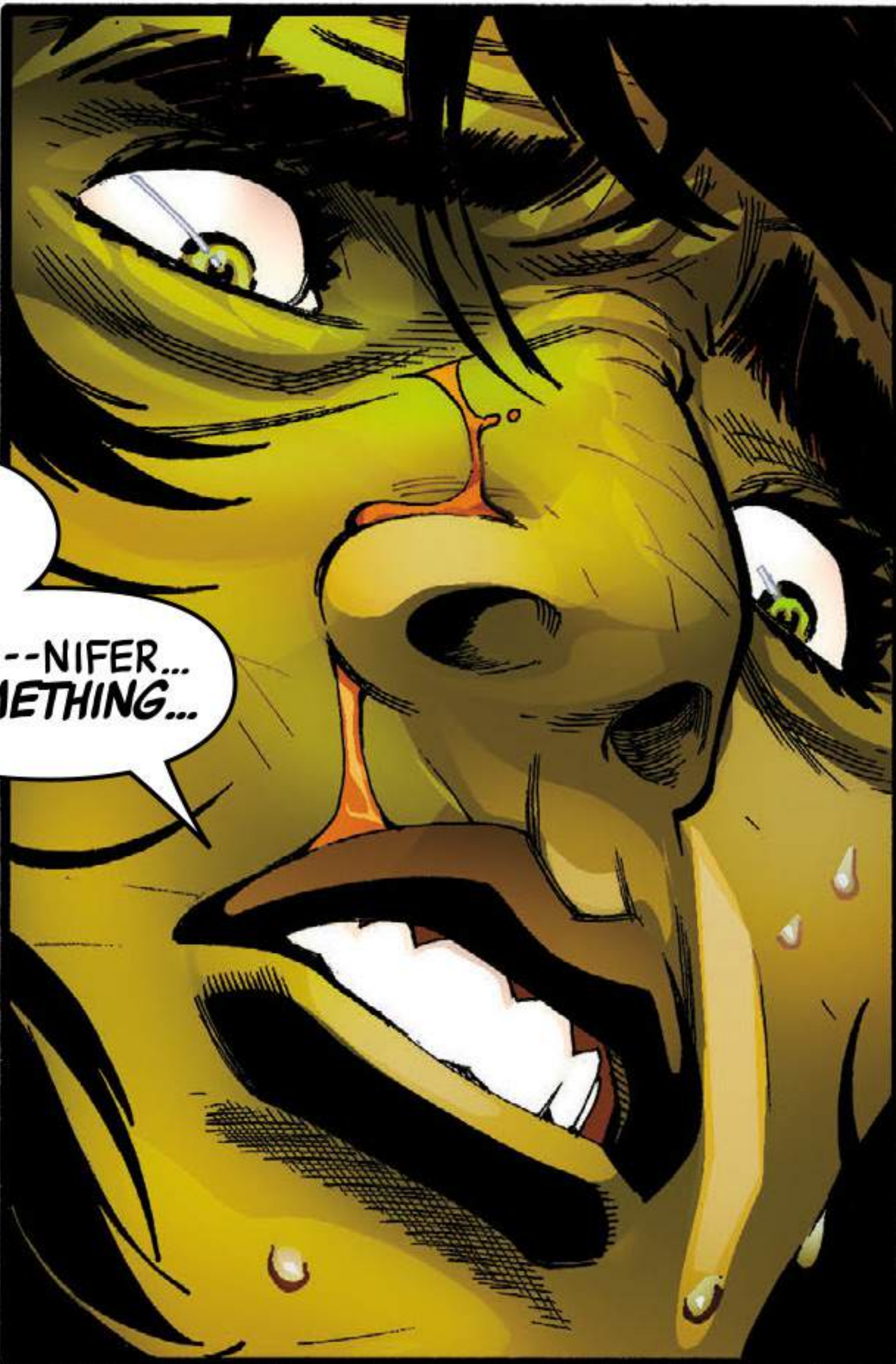
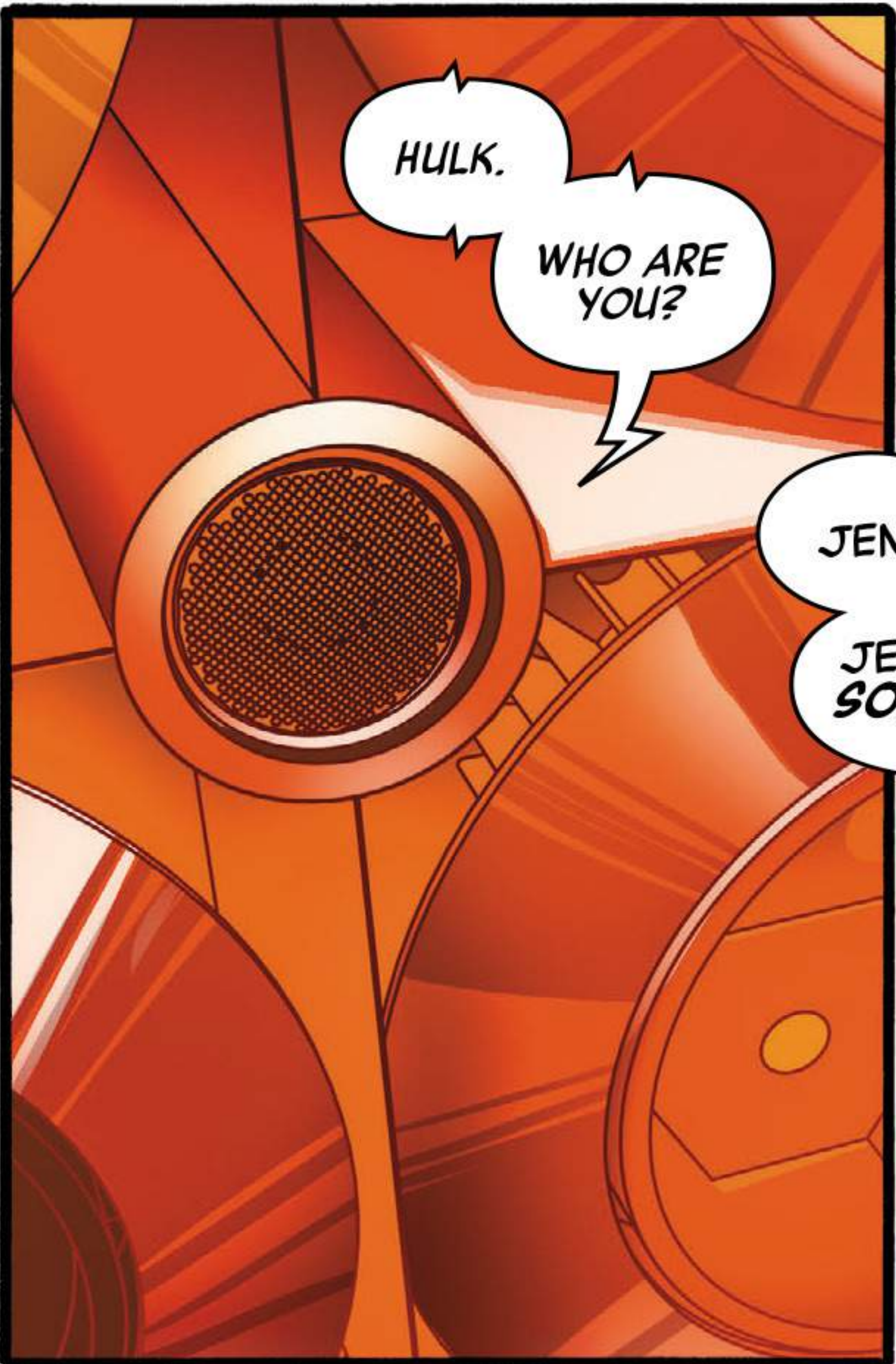
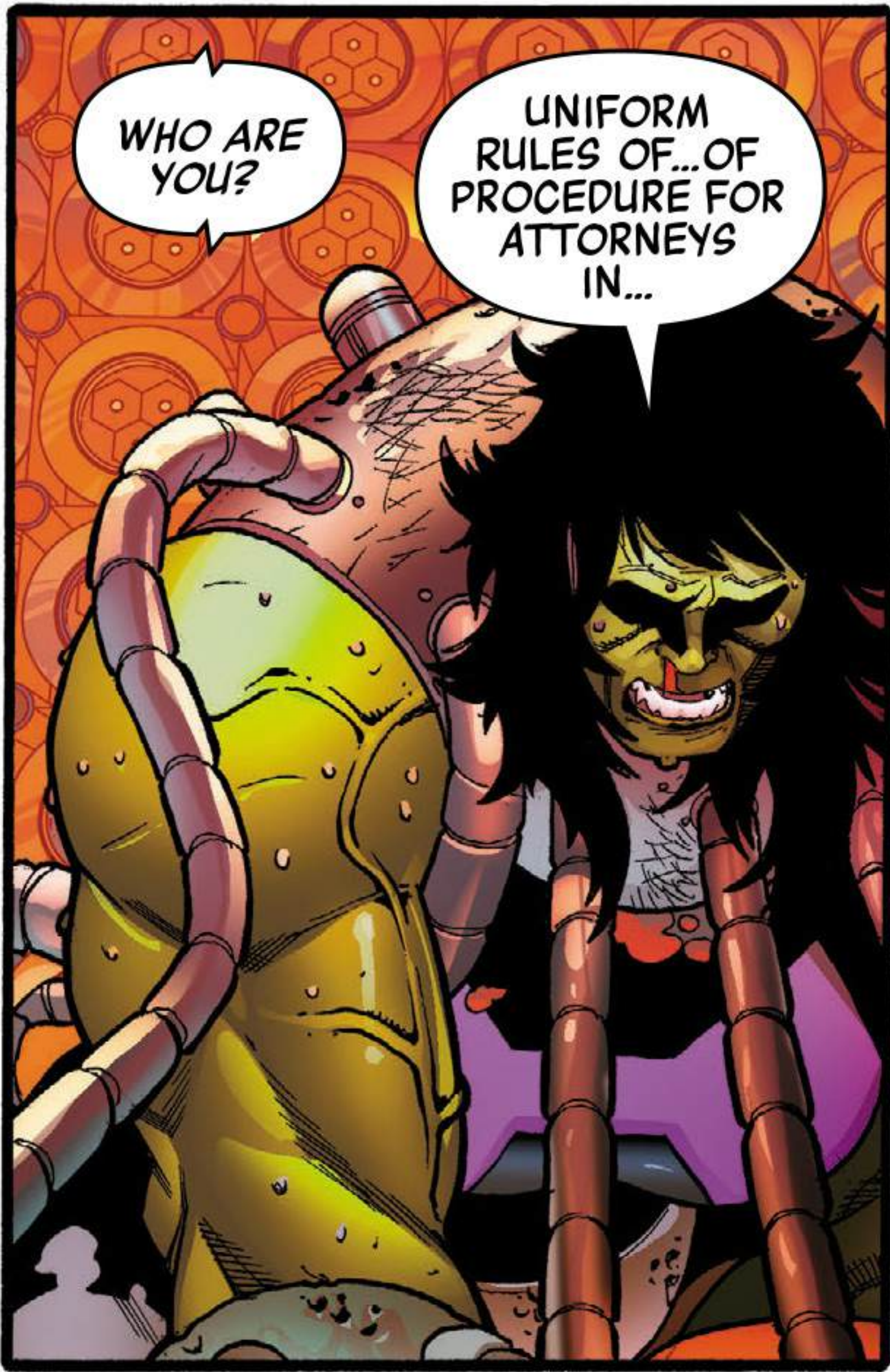
THIS IS THE SAME SORT OF PLACE THE RUSSIANS BROUGHT **BUCKY** WHEN THEY TURNED HIM INTO A **BRAINWASHED ASSASSIN**.

AND **SHE-HULK'S** BEEN IN THEIR CUSTODY FOR **WEEKS**. **ANXIOUS** DOESN'T BEGIN TO COVER IT, TONY.

YEAH. COPY THAT, CAP.



WE'RE COMING FOR YA, JEN.

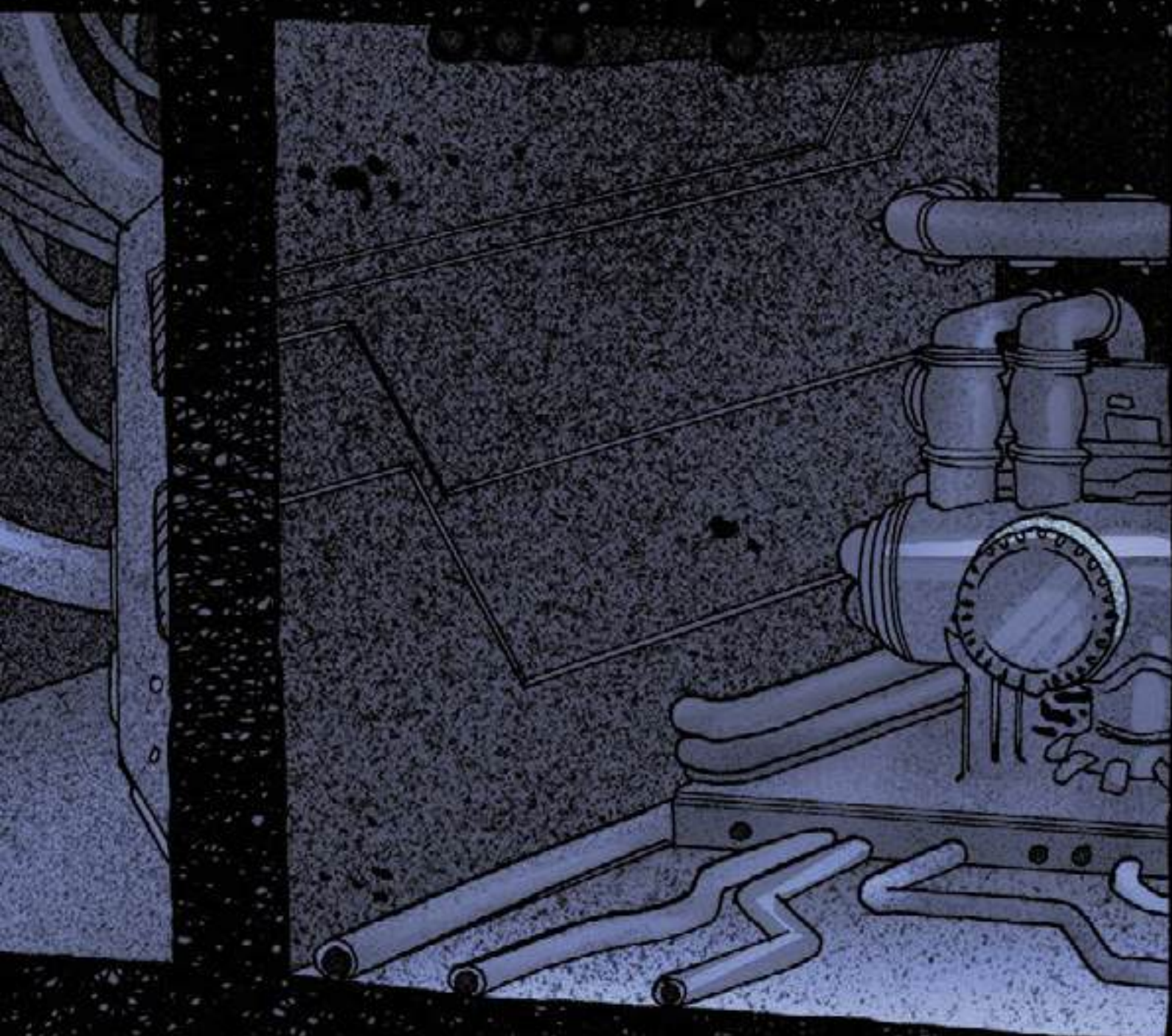




RRREGGH!!!



CORRECT.
HULKS
SMASH.



YOU!!!



BUILDINGS
AND TANKS
AND BONES
AND FLESH.

WHOLE
PEOPLE INTO
STICKY RED
PUDDLES.

AND WHAT
DO YOU FEEL
LIKE SMASHING
RIGHT NOW,
HULK?



YOU
WANT TO
KILL ME?

GOOD.

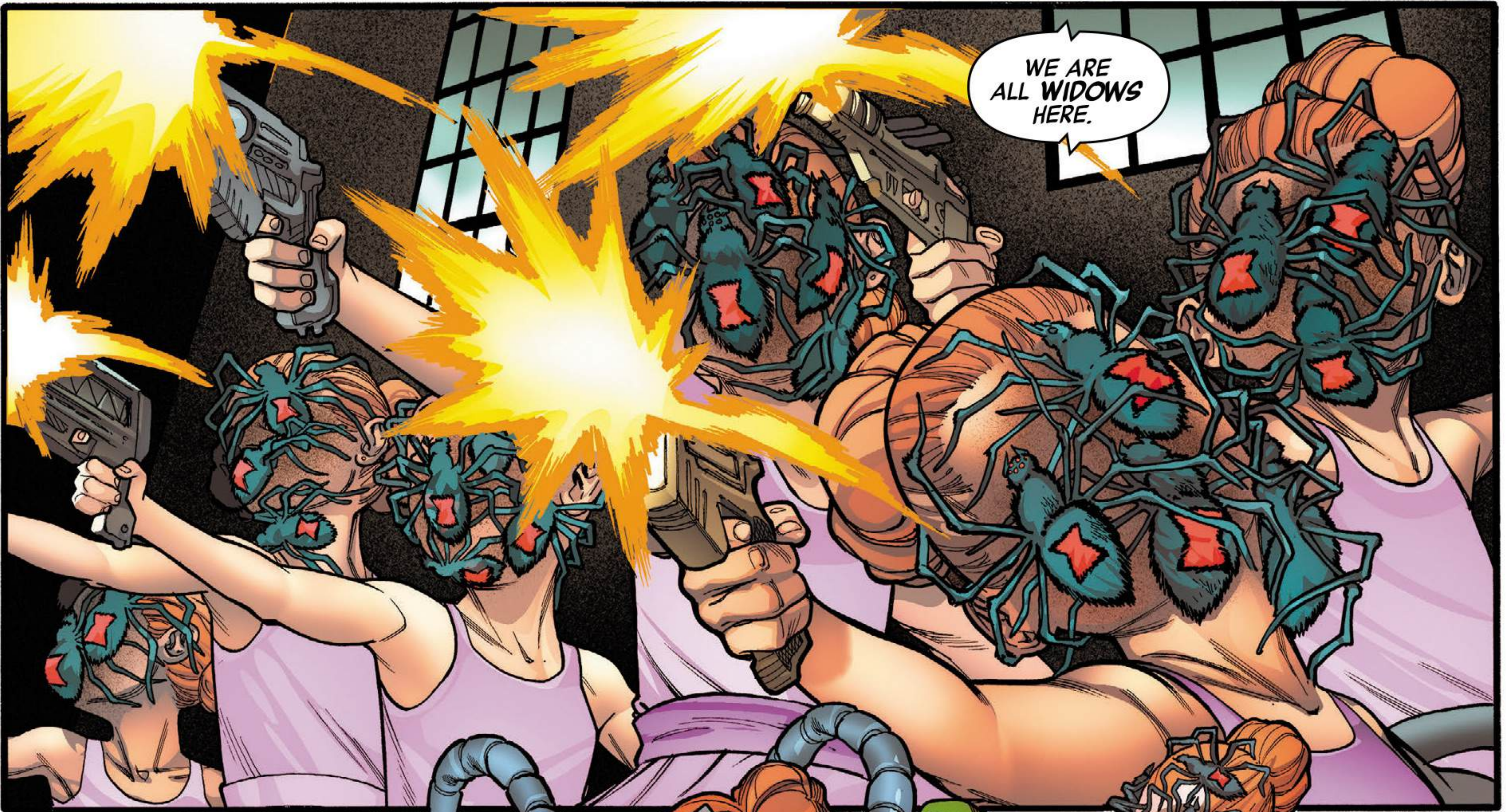


BUT
WHICH ONE
AM I?

HHHRGH?

DON'T
YOU SEE?





WE ARE
ALL WIDOWS
HERE.



AND
OMEGA
REDS.

AND
WINTER
SOLDIERS.

ALL
SUPER-
KILLERS.

JUST
LIKE YOU,
HULK.

JUST
LIKE YOU,
HULK.

JUST
LIKE YOU,
HULK.

AAAAARRGGHH!



WHY ISN'T SHE TRYING TO MURDER ME YET, VOSTOK?



SHE SHOULD'VE SHATTERED INTO A THOUSAND SCREAMING PIECES BY NOW.

AFTER A WEEK INSIDE A **MIND OVEN** LIKE THIS, I WAS STRANGLING PUPPIES AND DRINKING THEIR INSIDES TO SURVIVE.

THE RADIATION LEVELS INSIDE HER BRAIN ALONE WOULD RENDER THIS COUNTRYSIDE UNINHABITABLE FOR 2,000 YEARS IF FULLY RELEASED.

SHE SHOWS REMARKABLE **SELF-CONTROL** BY KEEPING HER GAMMA POWERS CONTAINED.



PERHAPS SHE-HULK ISN'T AS **SIMPLEMINDED** AND **SAVAGE** AS SHE WOULD LIKE THE WORLD TO BELIEVE.

THAT MEANS SHE'S HIDING. WHICH MEANS SHE'S **WEAK**.

YES, HER MENTAL DEFENSES ARE IMPRESSIVE. BUT I AM **MELTING** THEM, I ASSURE YOU.



HER MIND WILL SOON BE OURS.

SHE **WANTS** TO BE A MONSTER. SO VERY BADLY. SHE JUST DOESN'T KNOW HOW.

DON'T WORRY, JENNIFER. **MOTHER WIDOW** WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY.



GAMMA READINGS ARE GETTING STRONGER. SEEMS TO BE COMING FROM THE BASEMENT LEVELS.

THAT'S NOT THE ONLY THING!

CONTACT!

WINTER GUARD TO KREMLIN! THE AVENGERS HAVE ILLEGALLY INVADED RUSSIA!

DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO TATTLE TO DADDY, CRIMSON DYNAMO. YOUR LONG-RANGE COMMS ARE DOWN.

SO ARE YOUR ANTIQUE SECURITY CAMERAS.

1985 CALLED, DMITRI. IT DOESN'T WANT YOU BACK.

STARK! I'M GOING TO LASER THAT ARROGANT SMIRK OFF YOUR PRETTY FACE ONCE AND FOR--



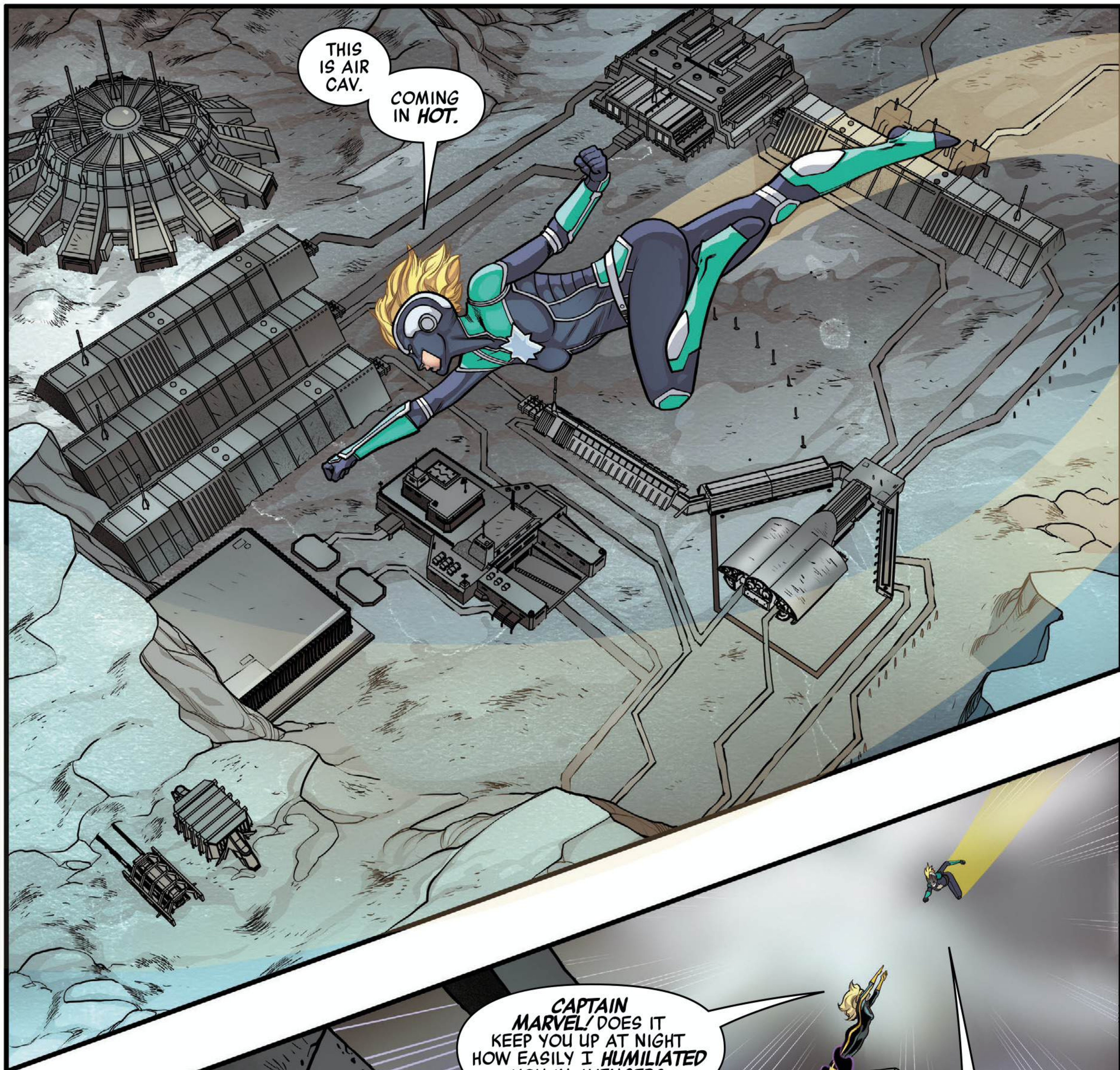
THIS IS
GROUND TEAM.
WE'VE BEEN
MADE.

CAP WENT RIGHT FOR
THE ARMORED GUY. I
DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD
BE GRATEFUL OR
OFFENDED. WHAT DO YOU
THINK, VANGUARD?

TEAM
TWO, YOU'RE
UP.

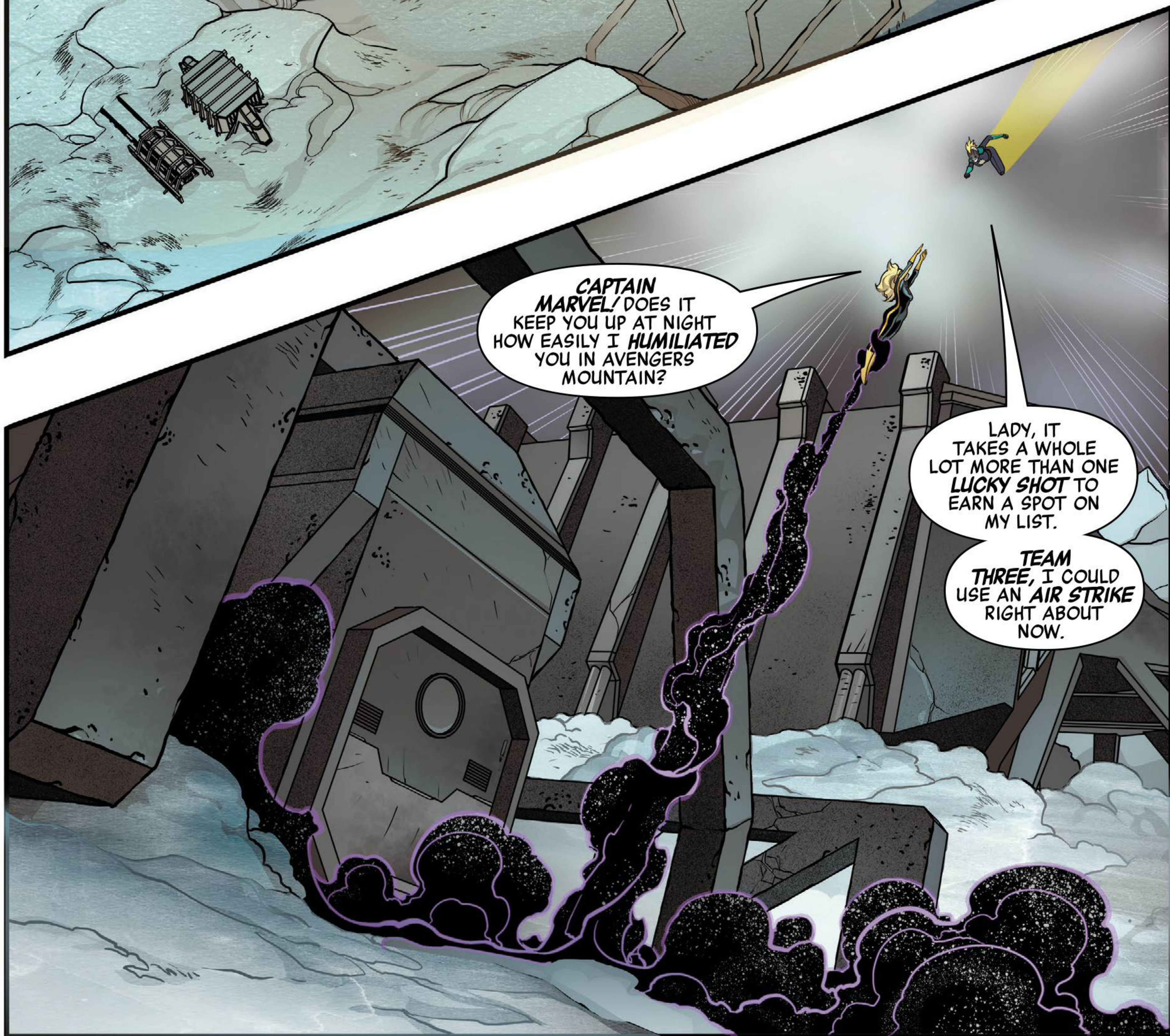
COPY
THAT.

ARGH!



THIS IS AIR CAV.

COMING IN HOT.

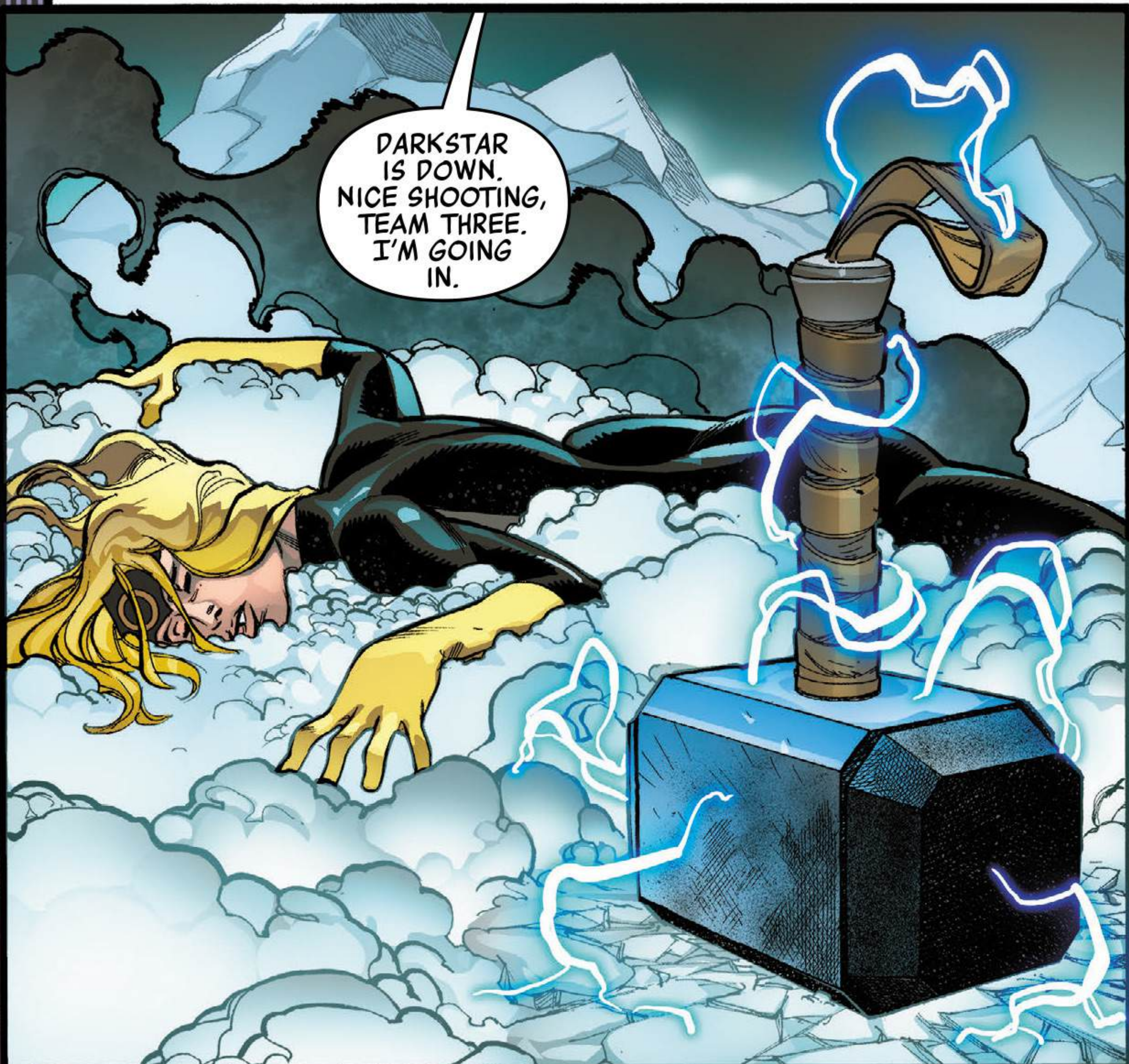


CAPTAIN MARVEL/ DOES IT KEEP YOU UP AT NIGHT HOW EASILY I HUMILIATED YOU IN AVENGERS MOUNTAIN?

LADY, IT TAKES A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN ONE LUCKY SHOT TO EARN A SPOT ON MY LIST.

TEAM THREE, I COULD USE AN AIR STRIKE RIGHT ABOUT NOW.

TEAM THREE







HELLO,
PRETTY
PUPPY.



YES, I MAKE
WISHES FOR
DEATHS.

MILLIONS
OF THEM, EVERY
NIGHT BEFORE
BED.

INCLUDING
YOURS,
AVENGER.

AND
THOSE WEREN'T
BULLETS.

WHAT?



JEN!



YOU'RE SOME
KIND OF SICKO
WITH A **DEATH WISH**,
IS THAT IT, RED
WIDOW?

ONLY WAY
TO EXPLAIN
YOU COMING
AT ME WITH
BULLETS.





HHRRGGH!!!

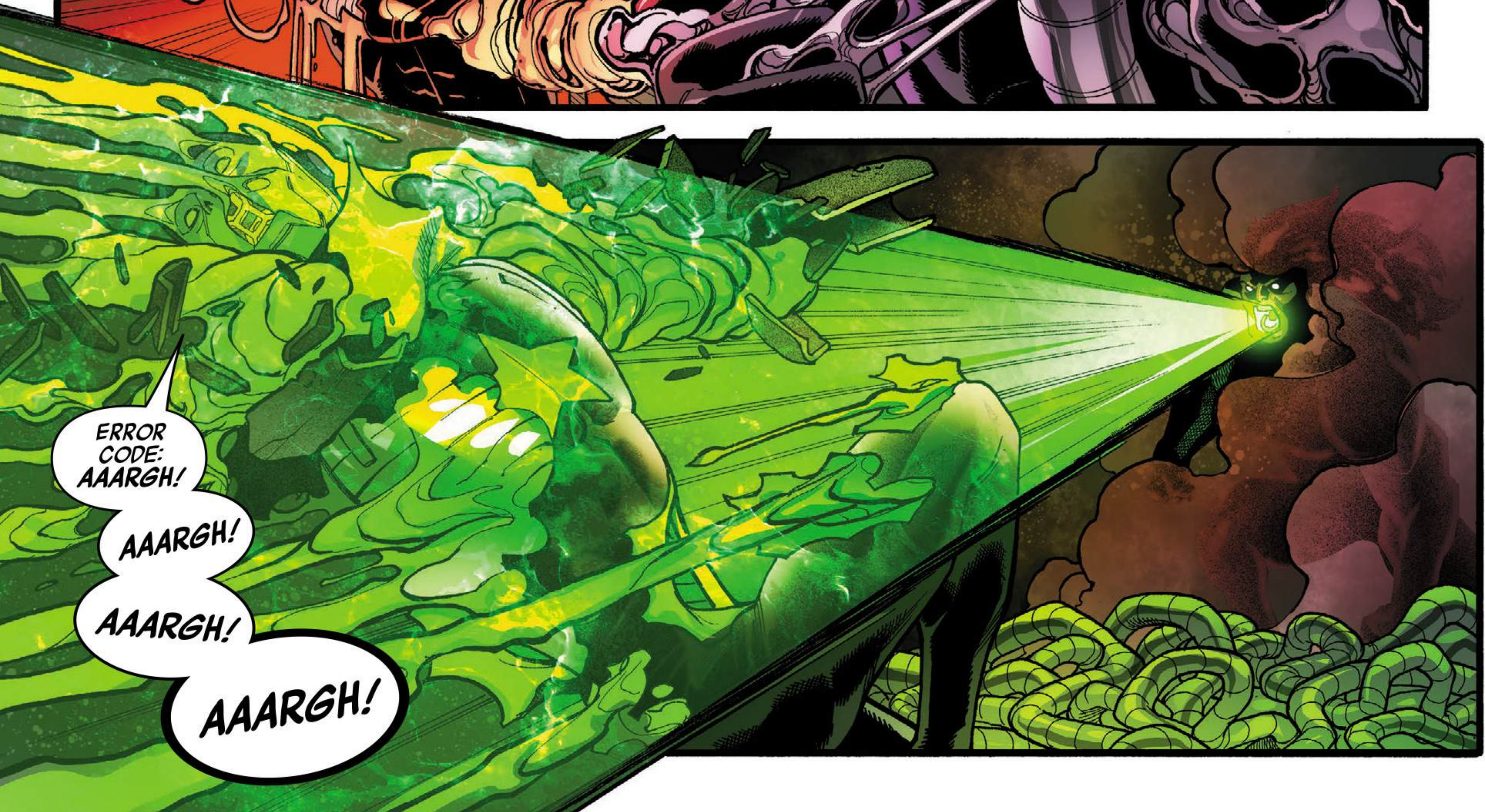
A FEW PIECES
OF YOU WON'T
HOLD DANVERS AT
BAY FOR LONG,
VOSTOK.

TELL
ME WE HAVE
OUR HULK.



VOSTOK!

WARNING:
TEMPERATURES
EXCEEDING SAFE
WORKING
CONDITIONS.



ERROR
CODE:
AAARGH!

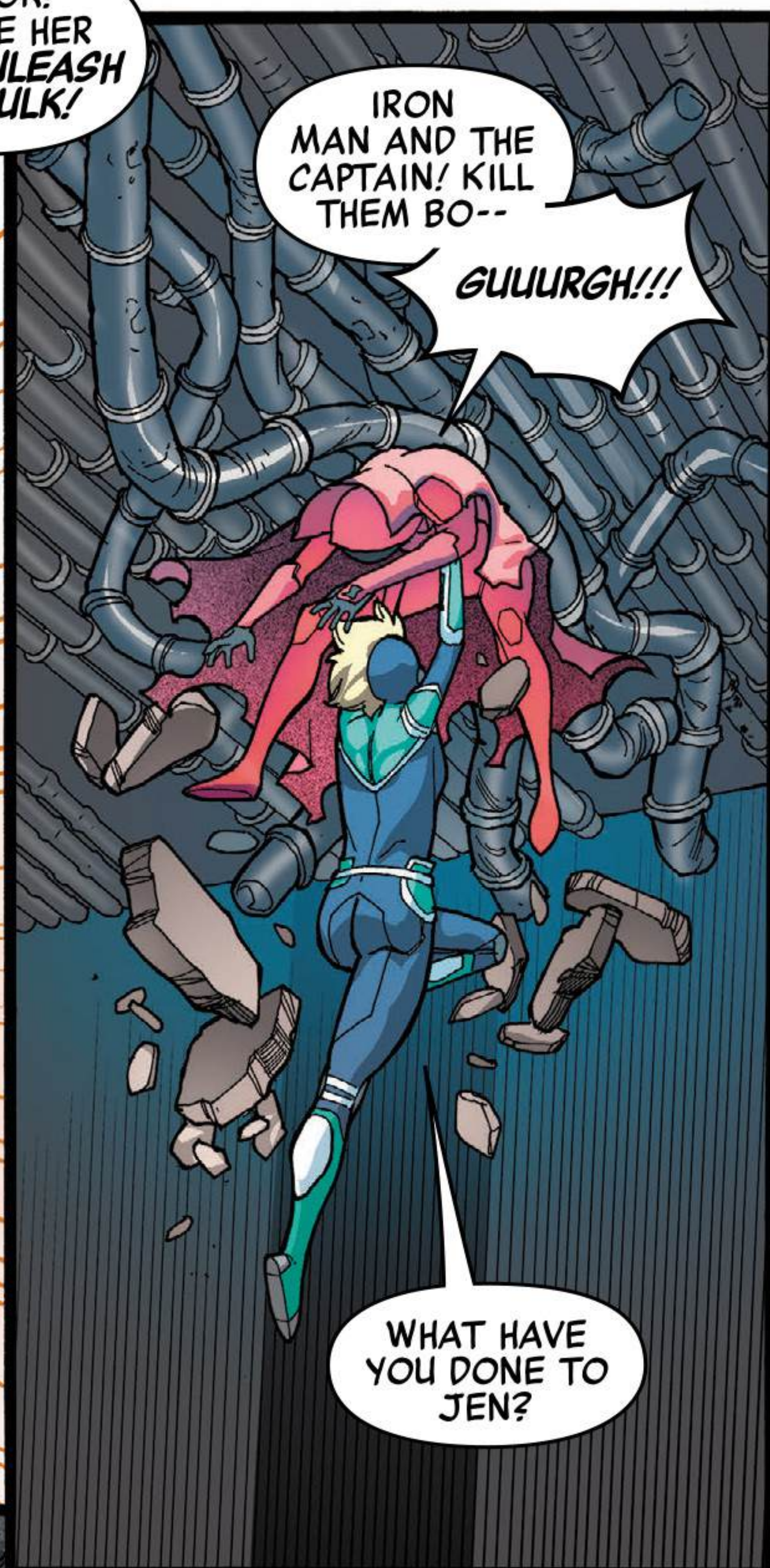
AAARGH!

AAARGH!

AAARGH!



VOSTOK!
RELEASE HER
NOW! UNLEASH
THE HULK!



IRON
MAN AND THE
CAPTAIN! KILL
THEM BO--

GUUURGH!!!

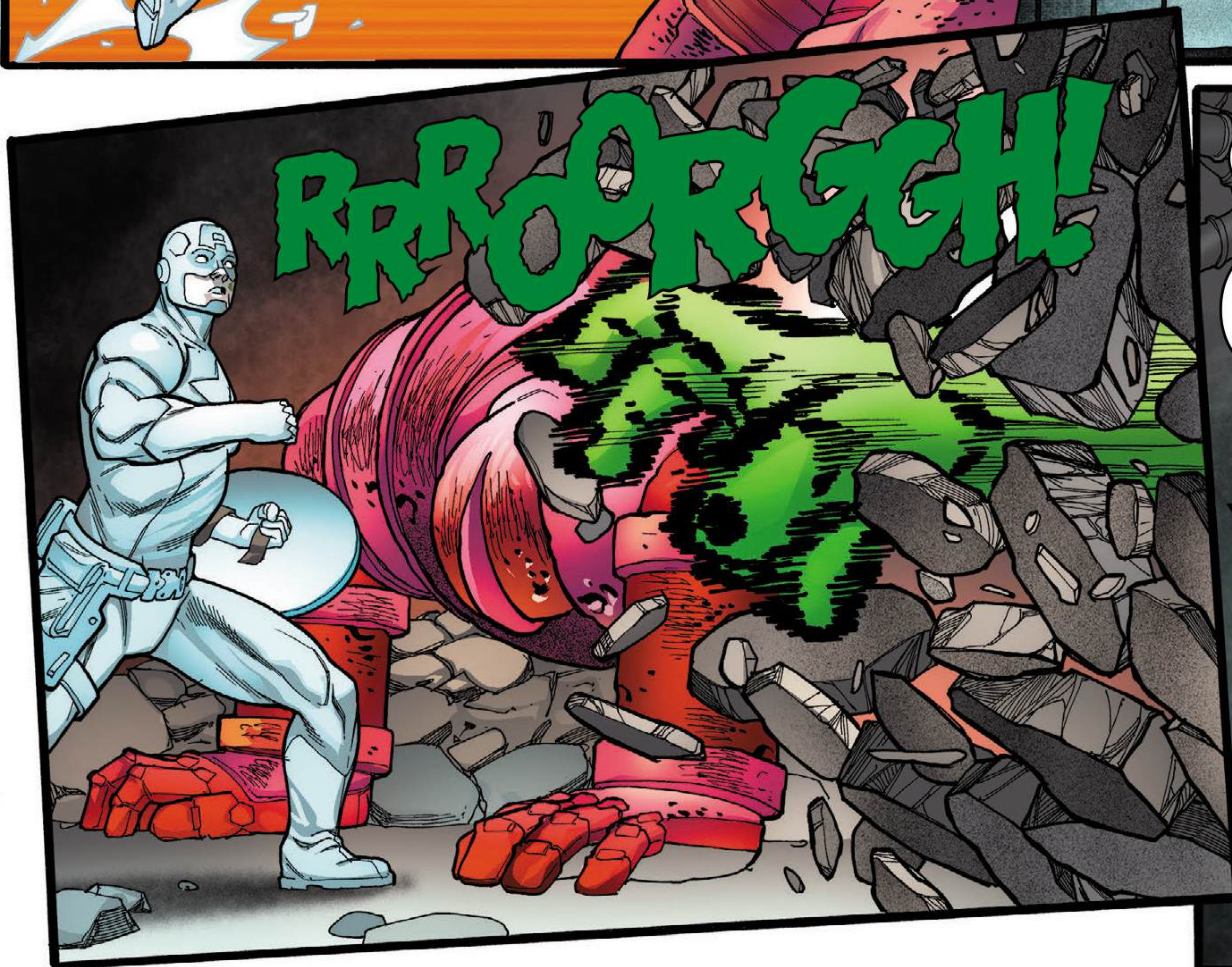
WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE TO
JEN?



PINGPINGPING

THAT IS THE GEIGER
COUNTER, CAPTAIN.
I THINK YOUR
FRIEND IS COMING.

THOUGH PERHAPS
SHE ISN'T YOUR
FRIEND ANY--



RRROORGGH!



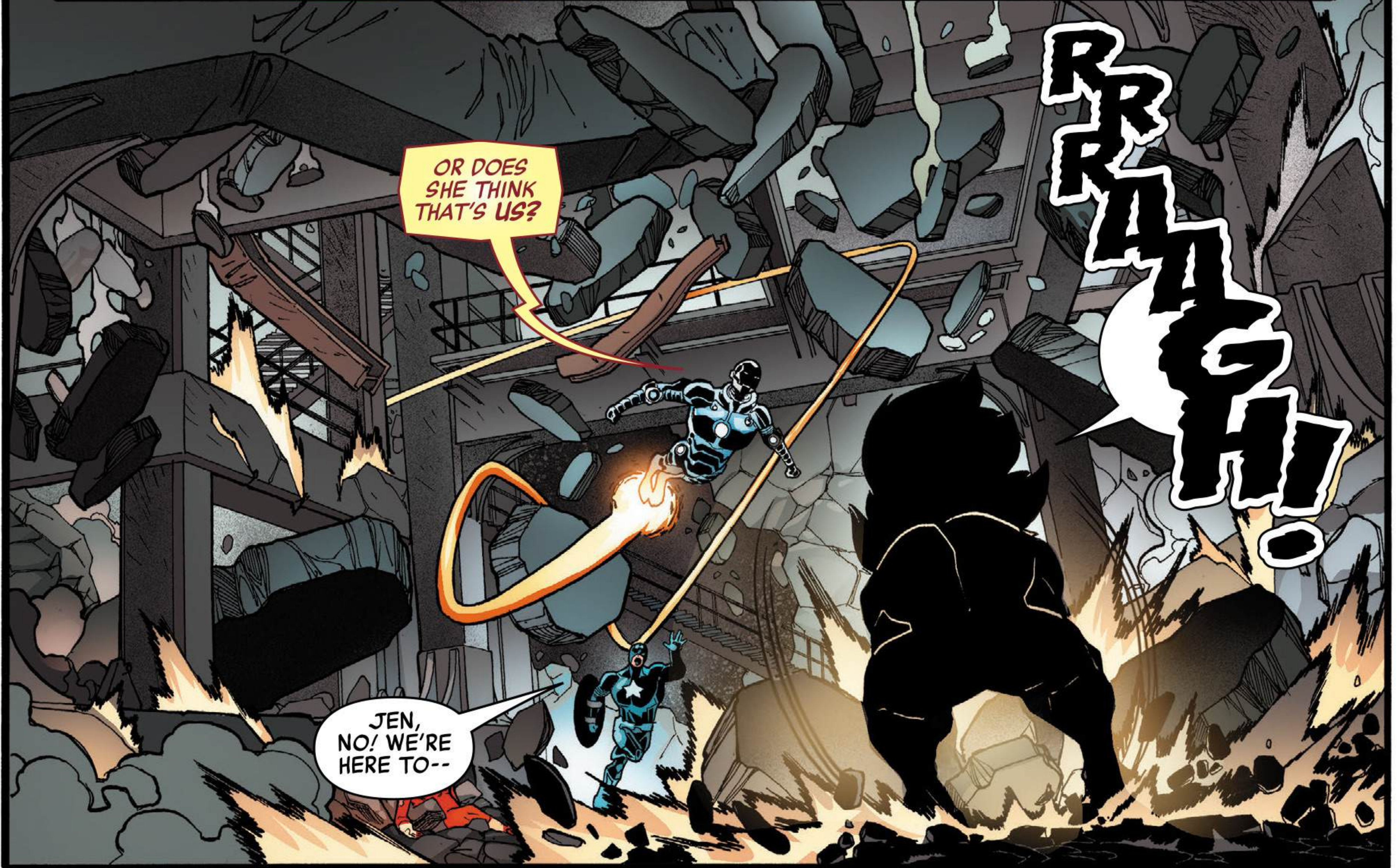
AARRRGGGH!

TARGET
IN SIGHT!
TARGET IN
SIGHT!

SHE'S
TEARING
HIM
APART!

HEH.
SHE-HULK
BELONGS TO
THE WINTER
GUARD
NOW.









IT IS
DONE.



OR AS DONE
AS I COULD MAKE
IT, YOUR EXCELLENCY.
THOUGH IT WAS NOT
WITHOUT ITS
PRICE.

THE WINTER
GUARD IS LOST.
I WILL HAVE TO
MAKE IT TO THE
DROP POINT
ALONE ON
FOOT.



IN ADDITION
TO THE PAYLOAD,
I WILL NEED OUR
AGENTS TO LEAVE
AN ARM FOR
ME.

NO, SIR,
AN **ACTUAL**
ARM. I HAD TO
SEVER MINE TO
ESCAPE.

INDEED, SIR.
A **SMALL** PRICE
TO PAY, SIR, I
AGREE.

YES, SIR,
THE ASSET HAS
BEEN SUCCESSFULLY
DEPLOYED. AND WILL
PROCEED AS
INSTRUCTED.

THE
TARGET
WILL DIE, OF
THIS I HAVE
NO DOUBT.

YES,
SIR, SHE
IS **OURS**
NOW.

"OUR
WINTER
HULK."



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"POWER IN THE BLOOD"



BAGALIA.
THE NATION RUN BY
SUPER VILLAINS.



I THINK
IT WAS JUST...
THAT I'D SEEN
THAT **LOOK** TOO
MANY TIMES.

I BET
YOU KNOW
THE LOOK I
MEAN.

THE ONE A
MAN GETS IN HIS
EYES WHEN HE SEES
HOW MUCH 'A HIS OWN
BLOOD IS OUTSIDE
THE CONFINES OF HIS
BODY, AND HE
REALIZES...

...THERE
AIN'T NO
COMING BACK
FROM WHAT'S
BEEN DONE
TO HIM.

WHEN A
MAN REALIZES
HE'S ABOUT TO
DIE...

...ESPECIALLY
THE KIND 'A MAN
WHO'S USED TO
BEING ON THE **GIVING**
END OF THAT
REALIZATION...

...THE **BOY**
BURIED DEEP
INSIDE HIM SHUDERS
BACK TO LIFE JUST
BEHIND HIS EYES.

FOR ONE
HEART-WRENCHING
MOMENT. ALL FULL OF
A CHILD'S FEAR AND
CONFUSION.

AND A **REGRET**
SO PROFOUND AND
PITIFUL, YOU WON'T
EVER SLEEP THE SAME
AFTER SEEING
IT **ONCE**.

I'D SEEN
IT **EIGHT** TIMES
BEFORE I WENT
SEARCHING FOR
THE **GORILLA-**
MAN.



GORILLA-
MAN DIDN'T HAVE
TO WORRY ABOUT
ANY OF THAT MESS.
BECAUSE HE COULD
NEVER DIE BY NATURE.
THAT MUCH OF
THE **LEGEND**
WAS TRUE.

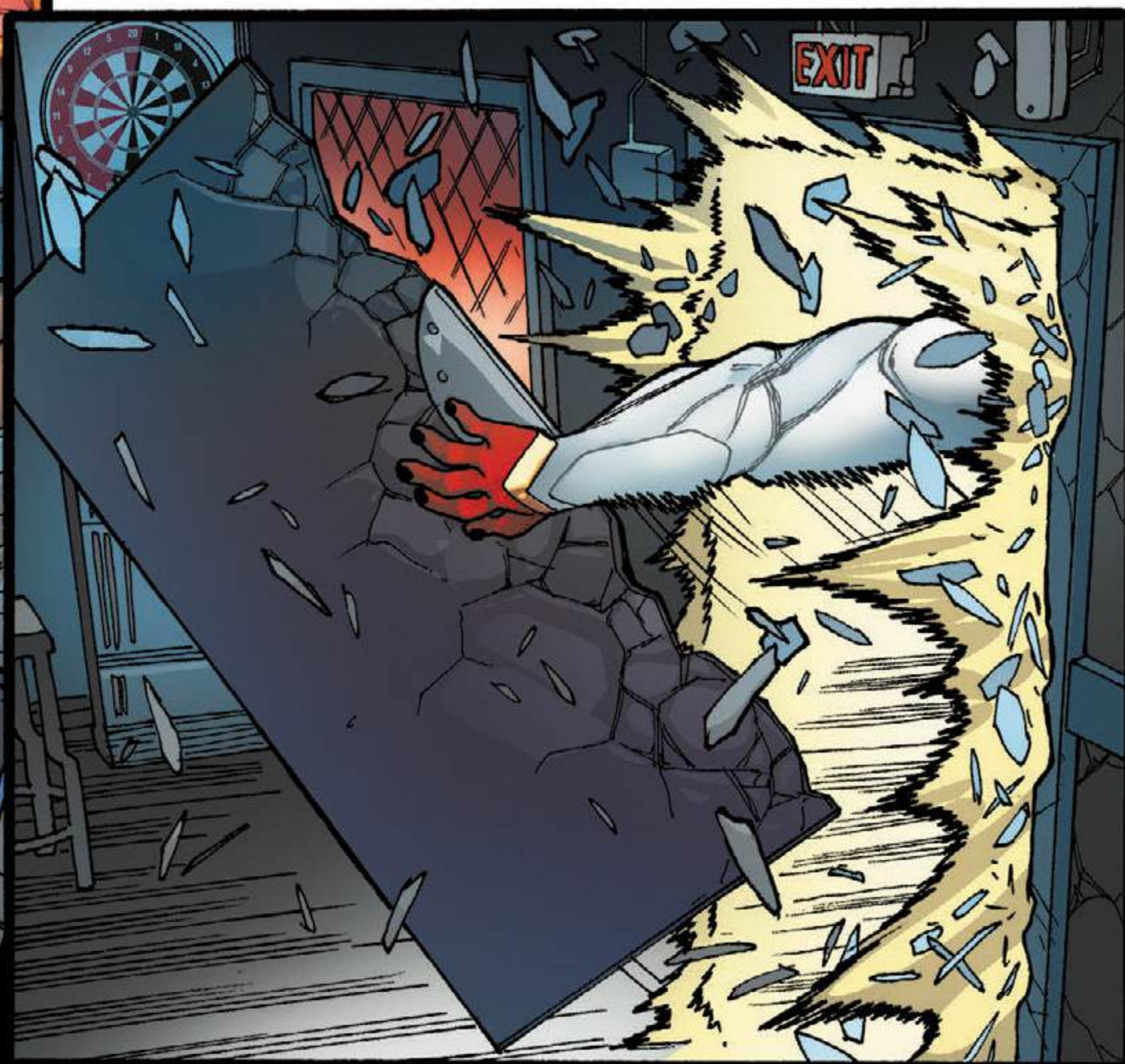
LEGEND SAID,
YOU WANTED HIS
POWER, YOU HAD
TO **TAKE** IT. SO
I DID.

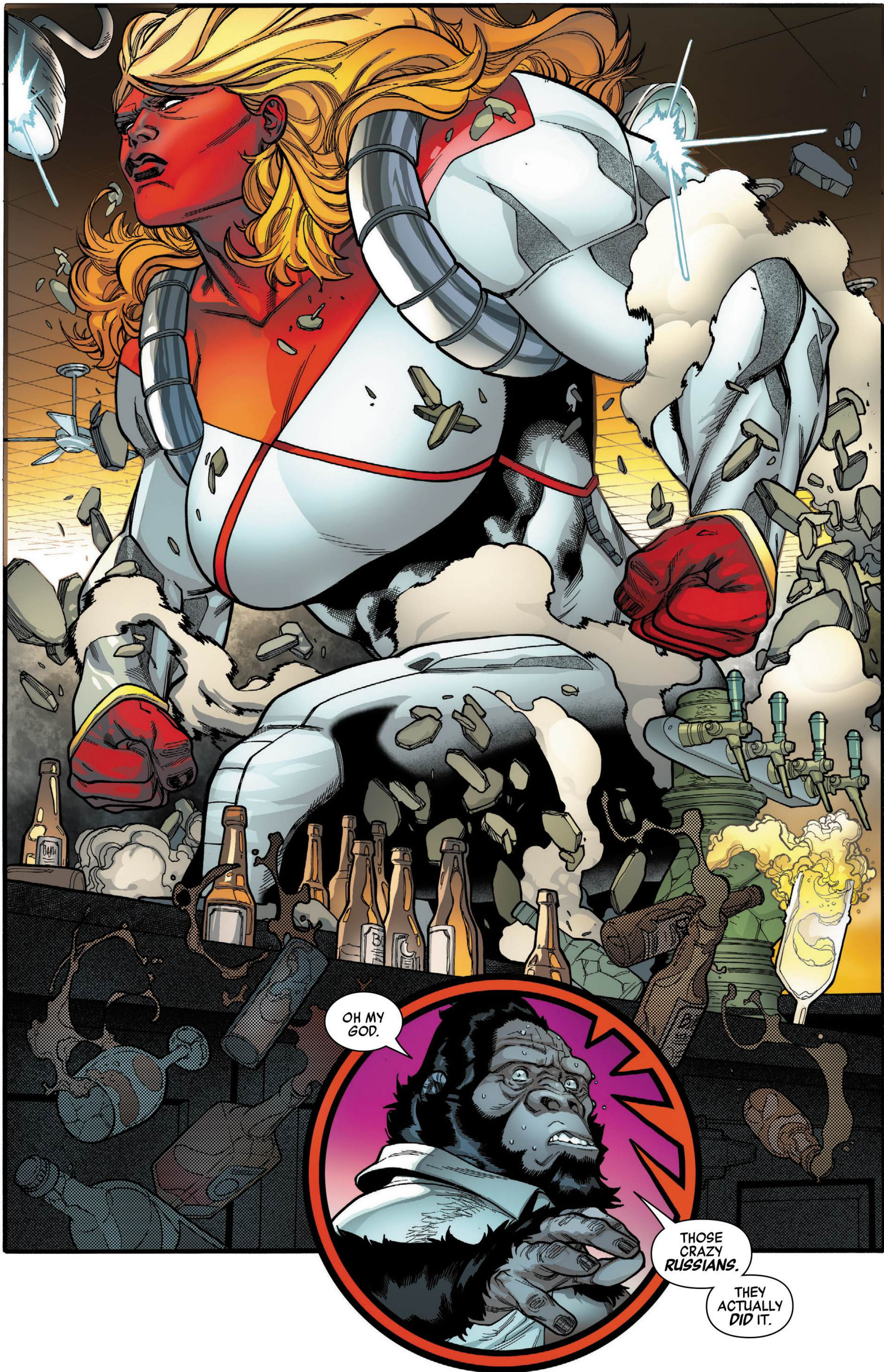
YOU KNOW
WHAT I SAW IN
HIS EYES? THAT
GRIZZLED, OLD GORILLA
WHO WALKED LIKE A
MAN, WHEN HE
REALIZED I WAS
KILLING HIM?

JOY.

I UNDERSTAND
THAT NOW.







OH MY
GOD.

THOSE
CRAZY
RUSSIANS.

THEY
ACTUALLY
DID IT.



"HOW CAN YOU
EXPECT TO **LIVE**
THE WAY WE LIVE..."

"...TO GO THROUGH
LIFE LIKE A WALKING
FLAMETHROWER..."

"...A LIFE THAT'S
ONE LONG
**BATAAN DEATH
MARCH** THROUGH
THE COSMICALLY
ABSD..."

"...BECOMING
SOME VERSION
OF A... '**PERSON**'...
YOU FIND MORE
AND MORE
UNRECOGNIZABLE
IN THE MIRROR
EVERY DAY..."

"...WITHOUT WINDING
UP UTTERLY **DESPISING**
YOURSELF?"

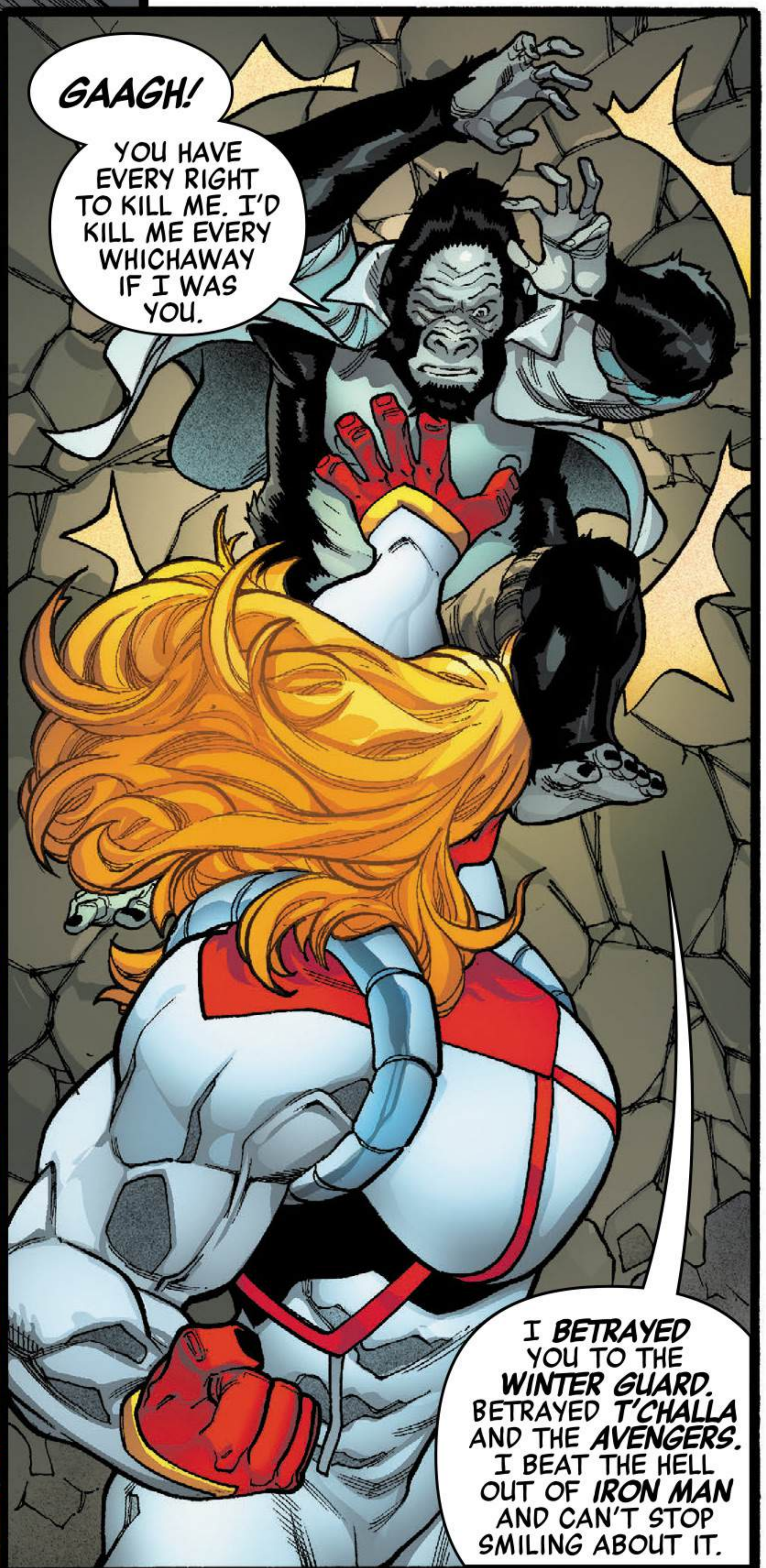
"PRETTY SURE ONLY
CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS
THAT SUPER-POWER."



A large panel showing the Hulk, a massive green figure with a black and white suit, standing in a city street. In the background, there are large fires and smoke. A smaller gorilla-like figure is visible in the distance.

I KNOW
I DON'T. AND I'M
GUESSING YOU DON'T
EITHER, DO YOU,
JENNIE?

YOU USED TO
TRY TO HIDE IT
WITH YUKS YUKS AND
GUFFAWS. BUT I'VE
ALWAYS FOUND IT'S THE
ONES WHO LAUGH THE
LOUDEST WHO ARE
HURTING THE
MOST.

A close-up panel showing the Hulk's face on the left and Jennie's face on the right. Jennie has long blonde hair and is wearing a white and red suit. She looks distressed.

GAAGH!

YOU HAVE
EVERY RIGHT
TO KILL ME. I'D
KILL ME EVERY
WHICHAWAY
IF I WAS
YOU.

I **BETRAYED**
YOU TO THE
WINTER GUARD.
BETRAYED **T'CHALLA**
AND THE **AVENGERS**.
I BEAT THE HELL
OUT OF **IRON MAN**
AND CAN'T STOP
SMILING ABOUT IT.

A close-up panel of Jennie's face. She has a pained expression.

BUT YOU DON'T WANNA KILL
ME. YOU'RE A **HULK**. YOU'RE
CURSED ENOUGH AS IT IS.

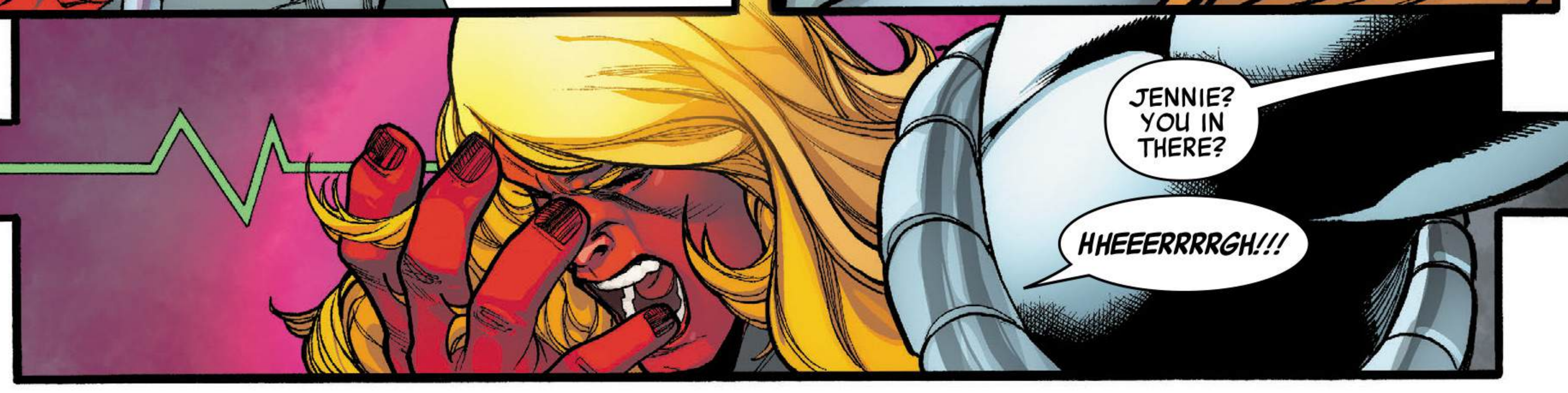
FOR WHAT
IT'S WORTH...
I'M **SORRY**.

SOMETIMES...
YOU FIND YOURSELF
IN A **HOLE** SO DEEP
AND GODFORSAKEN...
YOU FIGURE
THERE'S NO WAY OUT.

A close-up panel of the Hulk's face. He looks intense and somewhat sad.

THAT'S
WHERE
I **LIVE**,
JENNIE.

JUST LEAVE
ME THERE AND
WALK AWAY.

A close-up panel of Jennie's face. She is looking down with a pained expression.

JENNIE?
YOU IN
THERE?

HHEEERRRRGH!!!



RRRGHH!

YEAH, I SEE 'EM. **BITE MARKS**. AND I KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN.

WHILE YOU WERE A PRISONER OF THE **RED ROOM**, THE RUSSIANS HAD **DRACULA'S** PEOPLE FEED ON YOU. TO HELP **DRAIN** YOU, BREAK YOU DOWN, SO THEY COULD BUILD YOU BACK THE WAY THEY WANTED.

IN RETURN, DRAC GOT TO KEEP THE **BLOOD**.

JENNIFER, LISTEN TO ME-- WHATEVER YOU THINK YOU'RE PLANNING, WHATEVER YOU WANT MY HELP WITH, JUST KNOW IT'S WHAT THE RUSSIANS **WANT** YOU TO DO. IT'S WHAT THE **RED WIDOW** IMPLANTED IN YOUR MIND.

GO HOME. GO BACK TO THE AVENGERS AND LET THEM--

"SHE MUSTA SWEEPED OVER 'EM LIKE A **TORNADO**."

"AN F5 FULL OF **GAMMA-POWERED FISTS**."

"ALMOST FEEL SORRY FOR THE POOR SUCKERS."

**CHERNOBYL.
THE NEWLY-SOVEREIGN
VAMPIRE NATION.**

ALMOST.

ARE YOU
SURE IT WAS HER,
BLADE? ARE YOU
SURE IT WAS
JENNIFER?

I KNOW A
HULK ASSAULT
WHEN I SEE ONE,
T'CHALLA. LOOKS
LIKE SOMEBODY
DROVE A GREAT BIG
TANK RIGHT OVER
THESE FANGERS.

SHE WASN'T
ALONE THOUGH.
JUDGING BY THE
SMELL, SHE HAD A
DRUNKEN **GORILLA**
HELPING HER. I'M
GUESSING THAT'S
YOUR RENEGADE
BUTLER.

THE
VAMPIRES.
DID SHE-HULK
KILL THEM?

SURE DID,
BOSS.

URRGHH...

EVERY
LAST ONE.

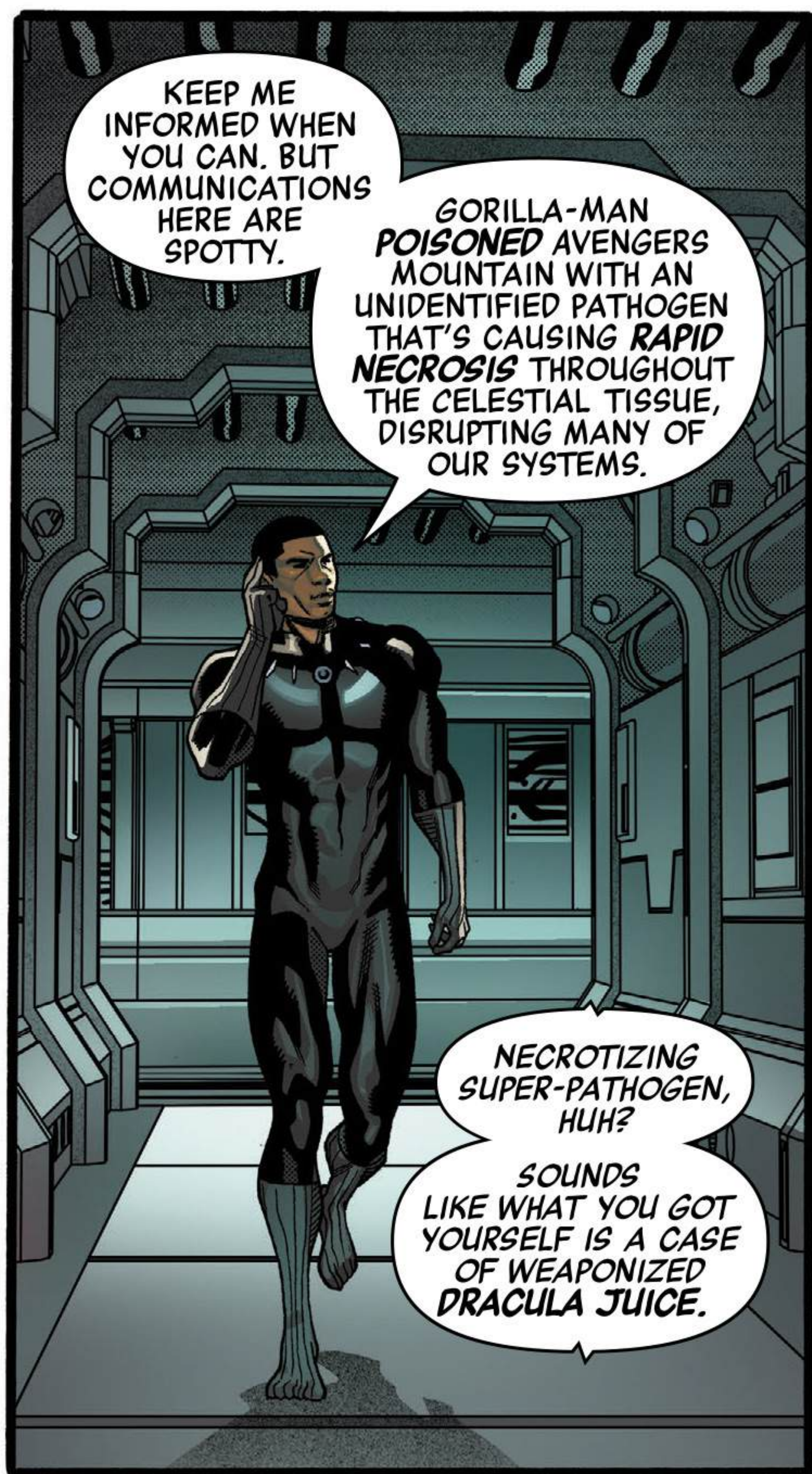


HAD A
DRINK WITH
WOLVERINE RECENTLY.
(HE SENDS YOU HIS
LOVE, BY THE
WAY.)

COUNT VLAD'S
BEEN GOING AFTER
HIS BLOOD TOO. USING
IT TO POWER UP HIS
VAMP SOLDIERS. MAKE
THEM ALL
DAYWALKERS.*

GOD KNOWS
WHAT HE WOULD
DONE WITH HULK
BLOOD. LOOKS LIKE
I OWE JEN SOME
BEERS.

*AS SEEN IN
WOLVERINE #11.
--TOM



KEEP ME
INFORMED WHEN
YOU CAN. BUT
COMMUNICATIONS
HERE ARE
SPOTTY.

GORILLA-MAN
POISONED AVENGERS
MOUNTAIN WITH AN
UNIDENTIFIED PATHOGEN
THAT'S CAUSING **RAPID**
NECROSIS THROUGHOUT
THE CELESTIAL TISSUE,
DISRUPTING MANY OF
OUR SYSTEMS.

NECROTIZING
SUPER-PATHOGEN,
HUH?

SOUNDS
LIKE WHAT YOU GOT
YOURSELF IS A CASE
OF WEAPONIZED
DRACULA JUICE.

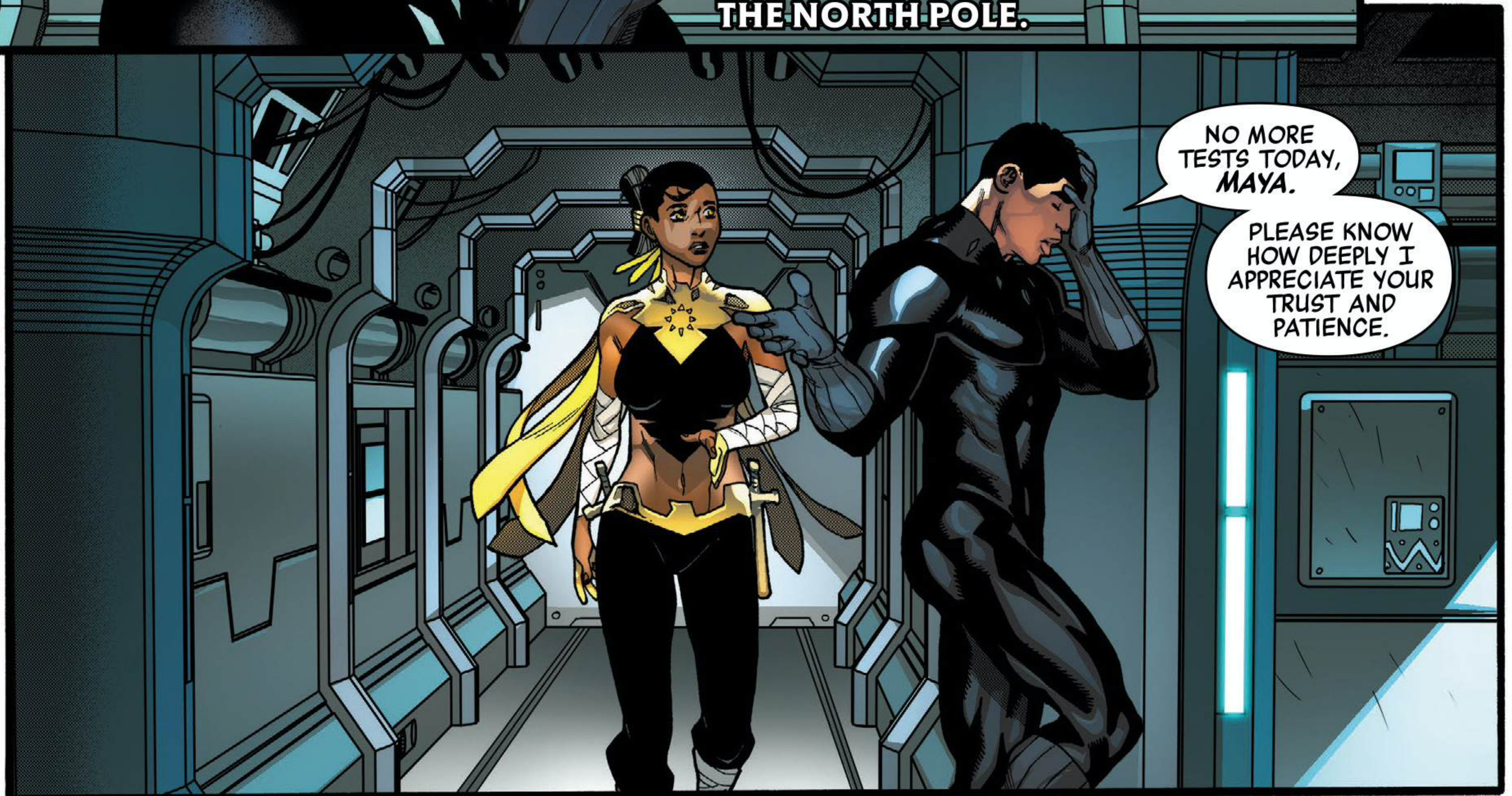


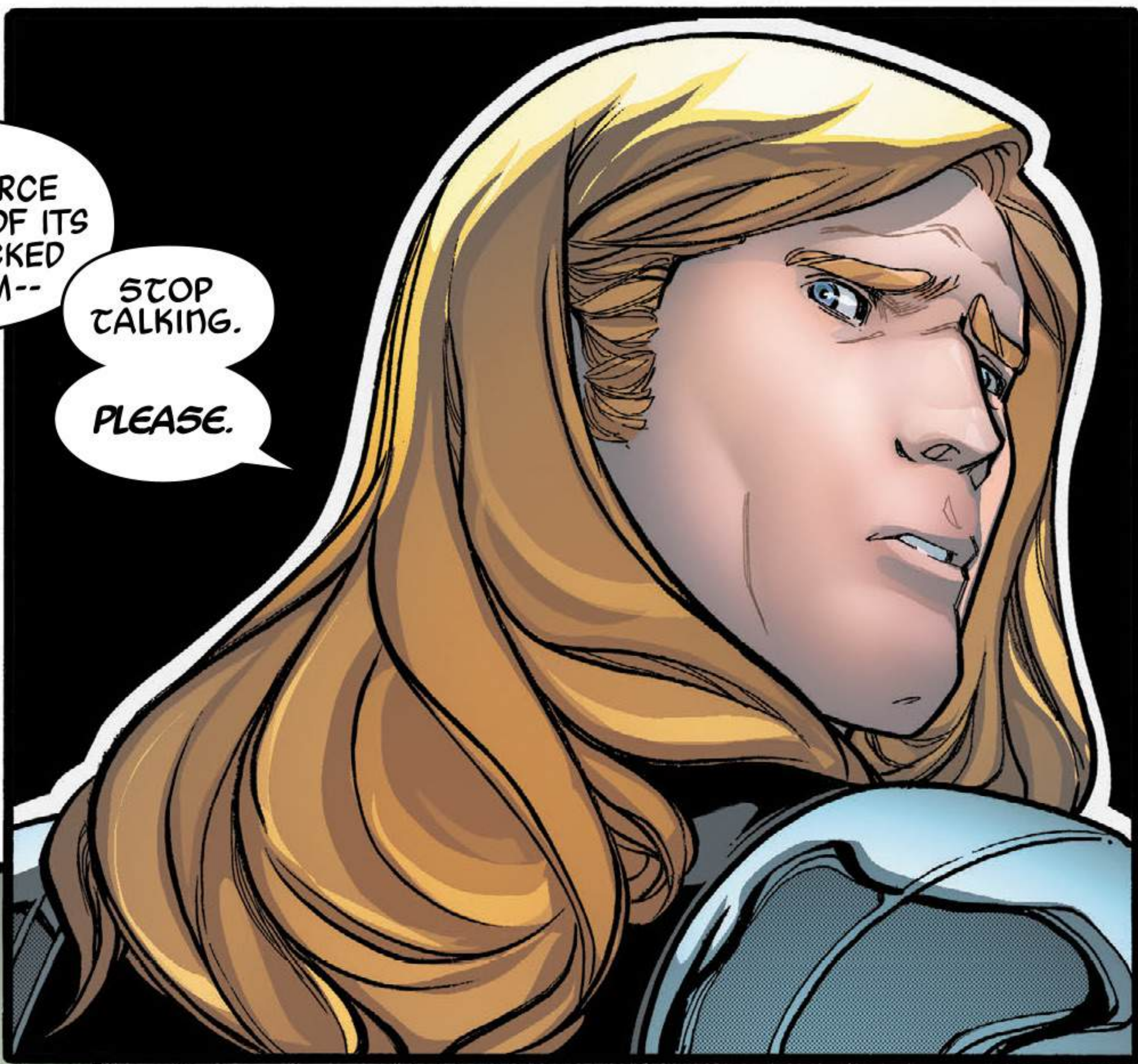
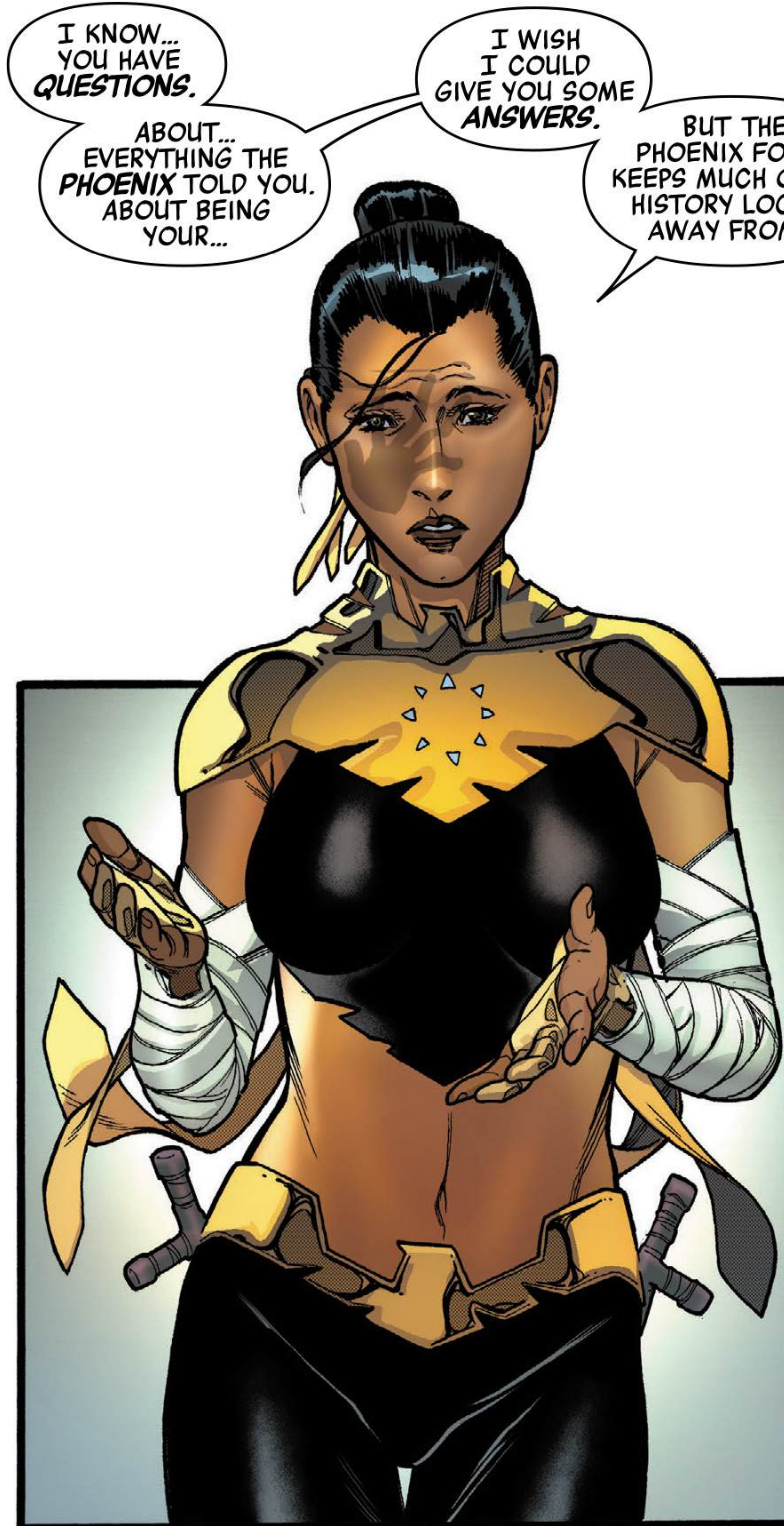
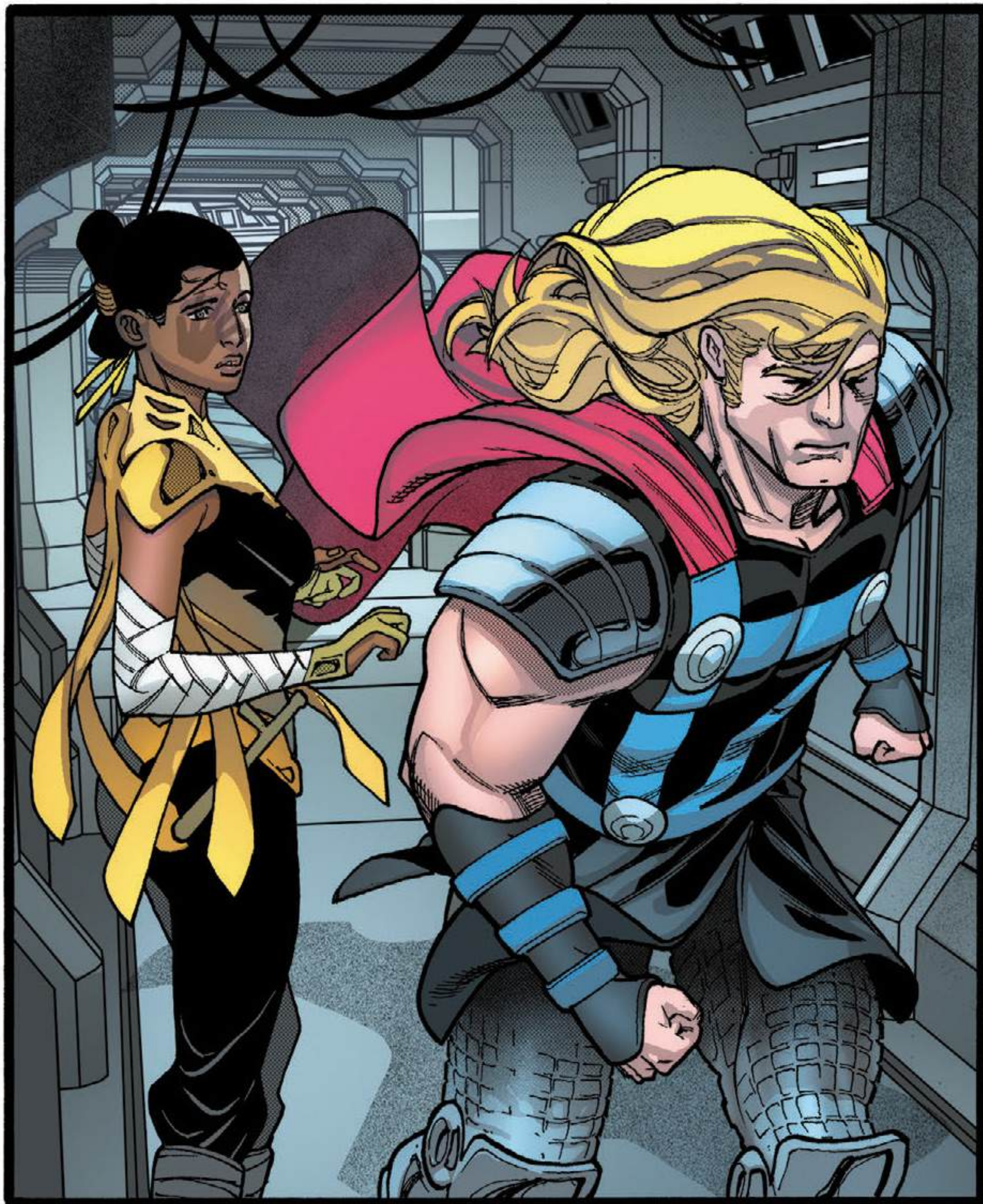
IF YOUR
MOUNTAIN'S ABOUT
TO TURN INTO A 2,000-
FOOT-TALL **VAMPIRE**, THEN
I GUESS I PICKED THE
RIGHT TIME TO TAKE A **DAY**
JOB AS THE **SHERIFF**
OF **SUCKHEAD**
COUNTRY.

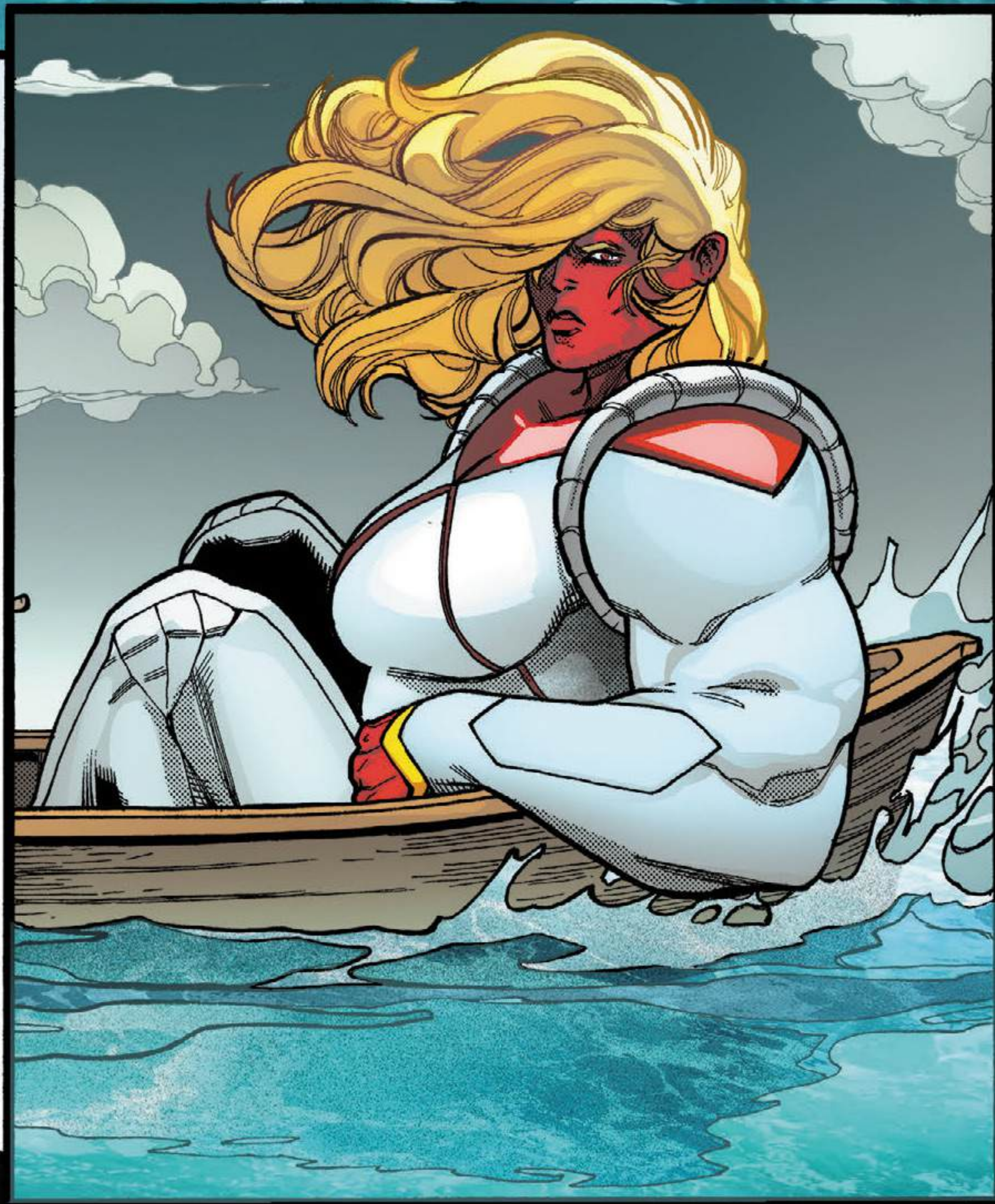
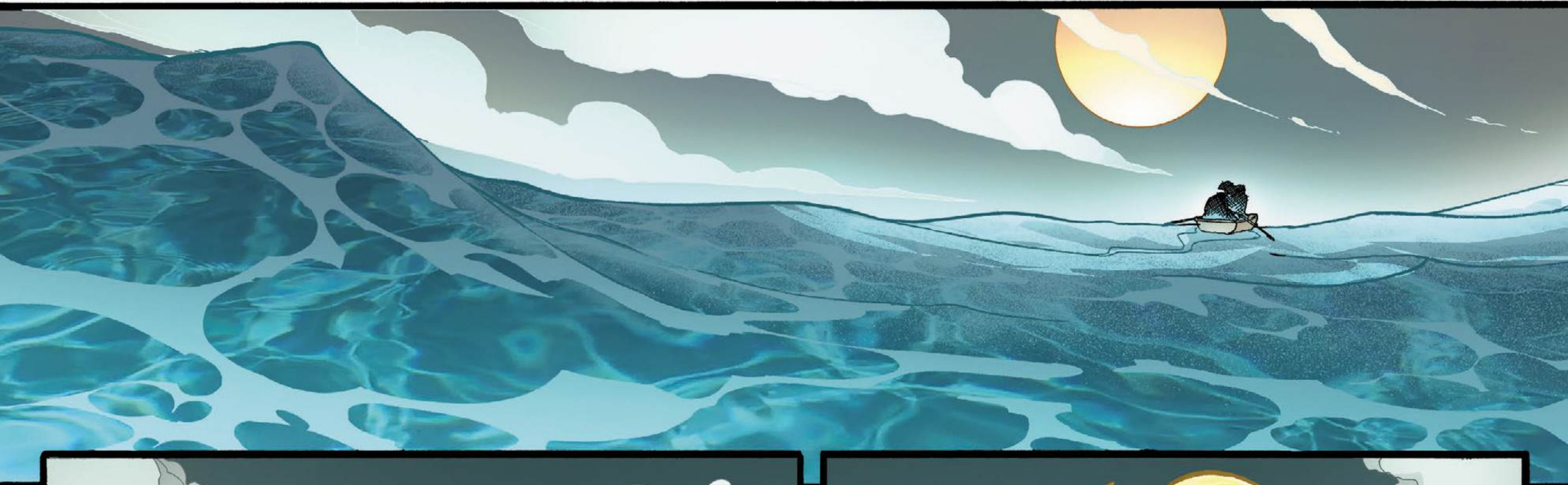
LET ME
WORRY ABOUT THE
MOUNTAIN. I EXPECT
SHE-HULK IS LONG GONE
BY NOW, BUT SEND WORD
IF THERE ARE ANY
MORE SIGHTINGS.

I RAN
WITH **M13** FOR A
WHILE, SO I'VE SEEN
MY SHARE OF THE
RED ROOM'S
HANDIWORK.

DON'T KNOW
IF YOU HAVE ANY
IDEA WHERE JEN IS
HEADED NEXT...BUT I
SUGGEST YOU GET
TO HER FAST.







JENNIE...

AS SOMEBODY
WHO'S LONG MADE
A LIVING...

...BEING IN
THE WRONG
PLACE AT THE
WRONG
TIME...

...LISTEN TO
ME WHEN I
TELL YOU...

...THIS IS
THE **LAST** PLACE
ON EARTH YOU
WANNA BE.



ATLANTIC OCEAN.
THE ATLANTIC ZONE.
THE DEADLIEST WATERS ON THE PLANET.



HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THESE **ATLANTEANS** TAKE DOWN A FREIGHTER OR CRUISE SHIP THAT'S **DUMB** ENOUGH TO SAIL ABOVE THEIR CITY?

IT'S LIKE A **PIRANHA FEEDING FRENZY ON STEROIDS**. THEY CAN STRIP A WHOLE TANKER IN MINUTES. LEAVE NOTHING BUT THE LIFEBOATS. IF YOU'RE **LUCKY**.



THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE. THEY'RE PROBABLY CIRCLING BELOW THE BOAT RIGHT NOW, WAITING TO **SCUTTLE** US.

WHATEVER YOU'RE THINKING, IT WON'T WORK. THERE'S AN **ARMY** OF THEM DOWN THERE. AN **ARMY** OF SUPERSTRONG SEA-BREATHING **BARBARIANS**.



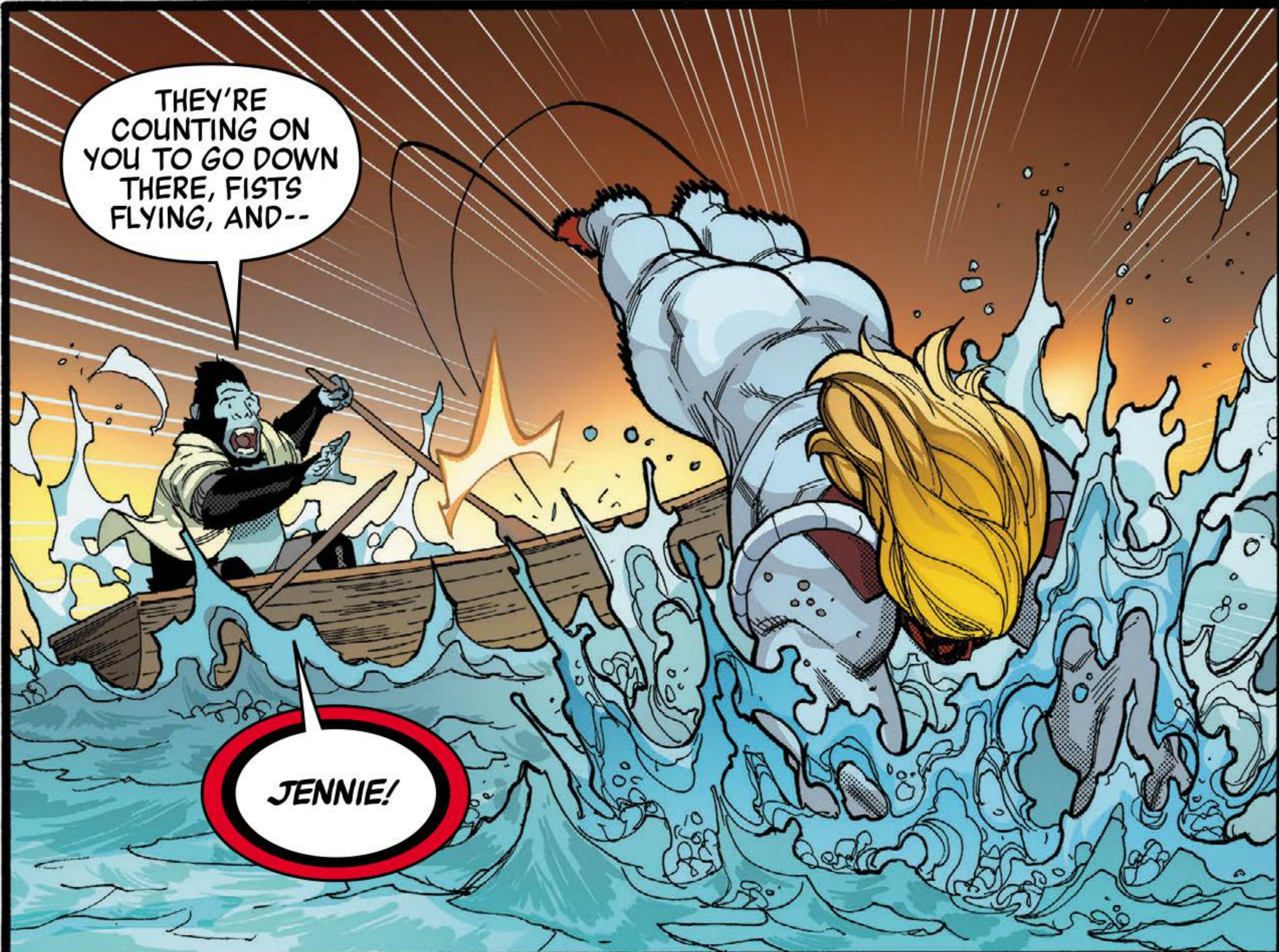
YOU DIDN'T BRING ME ALONG JUST FOR MY **INTEL** AND MY **ROWING** SKILLS. YOU BROUGHT ME SO I COULD ECHO THE VOICE OF **JENNIFER WALTERS** THAT'S INSIDE YOUR HEAD...

...ARGUING HER CASE LIKE THE **LAWYER** SHE IS, TELLING YOU NOT TO TRUST YOUR OWN **RAGE**.



SHE-HULK... THIS HERE...THIS IS **EXACTLY** WHAT THE **RED WIDOW** PROGRAMMED YOU FOR.

IT'S WHAT THE **RUSSIANS** WANT. IT'S WHAT THE WHOLE **SURFACE WORLD** WANTS.



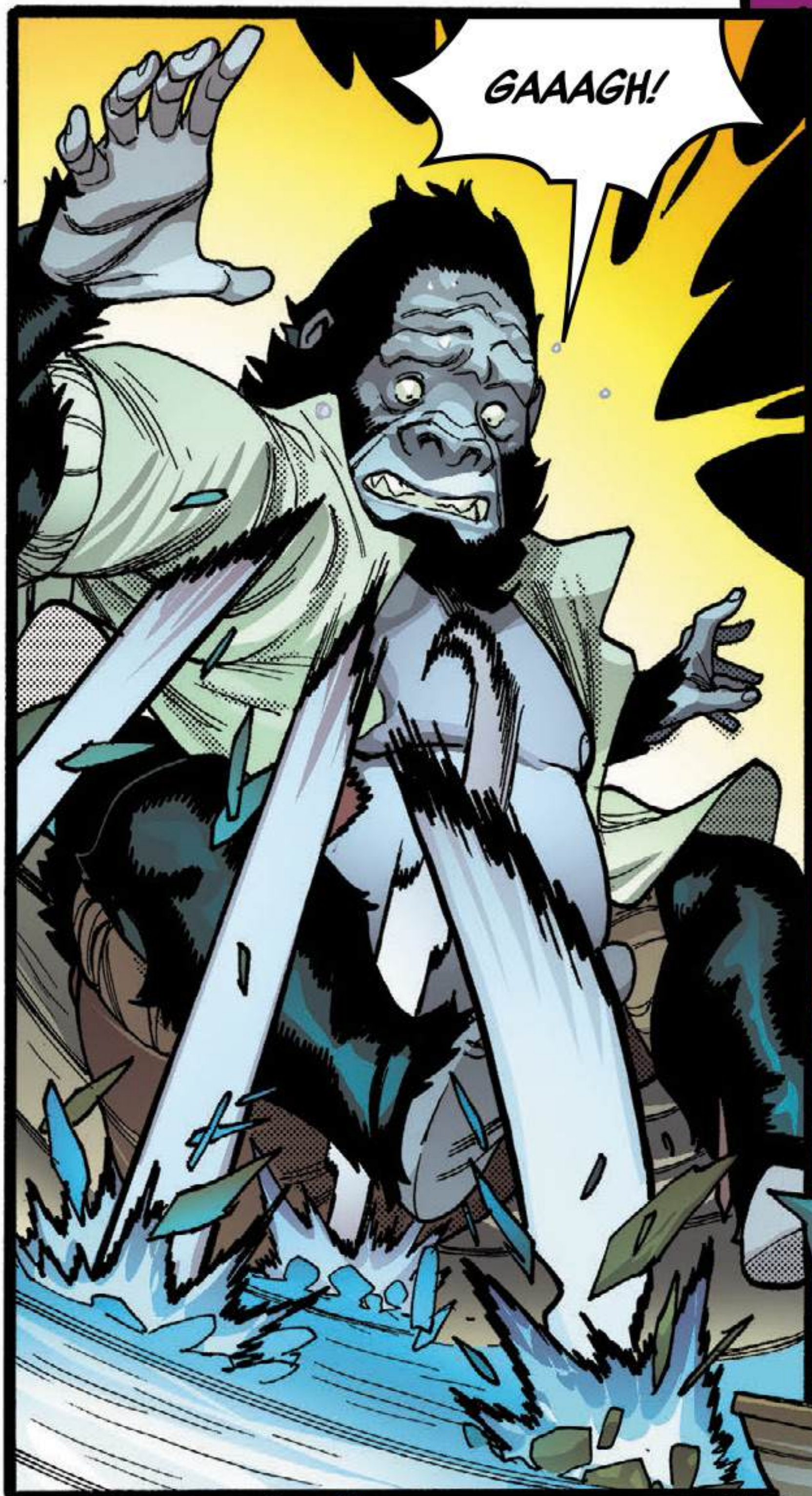
THEY'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO GO DOWN THERE, **FISTS** FLYING, AND--

JENNIE!



JUST ROW AWAY, **KEN**.

ROW STRAIGHT TO THE NEAREST **BAR**.



GAAAGH!



DEATH TO THE AIR BREATHERS!

DEATH TO ALL HUMAN DEFILERS OF MOTHER OCEAN!

IN THE NAME OF ATLANTIS!



WHO THE HELL YOU CALLING HUMAN?!

GGRRRRROOGGH!!!

HUH?

"OH, JENNIE."

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT
ALL THEY DID TO YOU
IN THE RED ROOM."

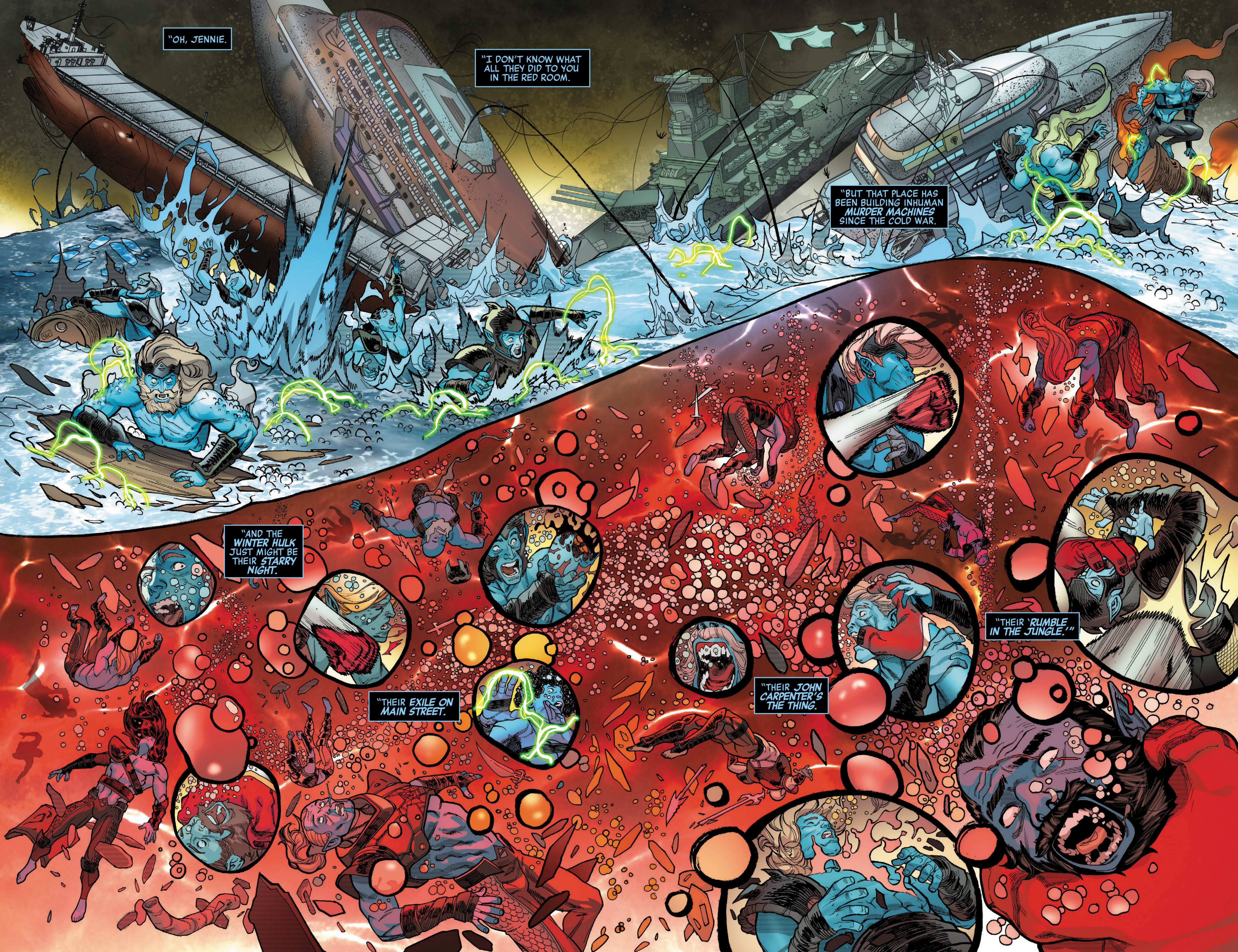
"BUT THAT PLACE HAS
BEEN BUILDING INHUMAN
MURDER MACHINES
SINCE THE COLD WAR."

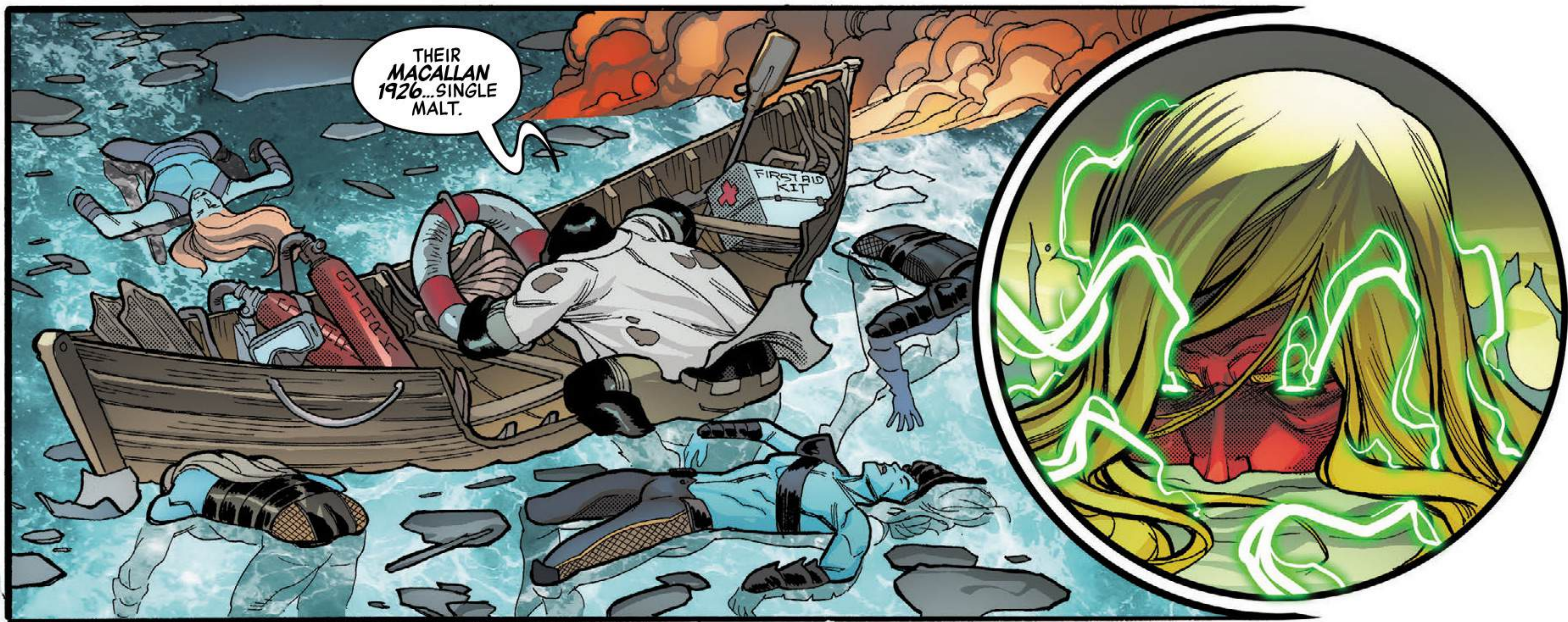
"AND THE
WINTER HULK
JUST MIGHT BE
THEIR STARRY
NIGHT."

"THEIR EXILE ON
MAIN STREET."

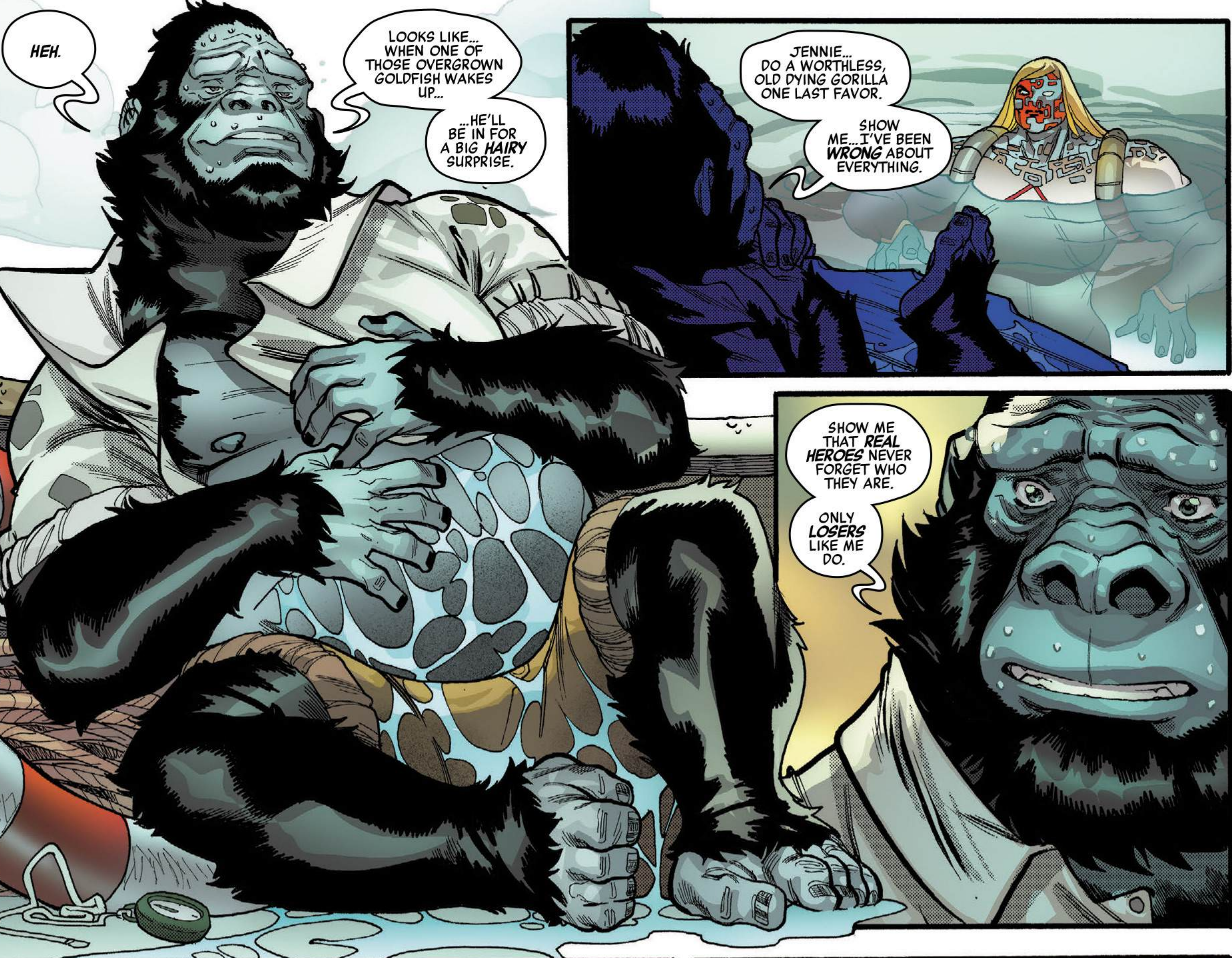
"THEIR JOHN
CARPENTER'S
THE THING."

"THEIR 'RUMBLE
IN THE JUNGLE.'"





THEIR
MACALLAN
1926...SINGLE
MALT.



HEH.

LOOKS LIKE...
WHEN ONE OF
THOSE OVERGROWN
GOLDFISH WAKES
UP...

...HE'LL
BE IN FOR
A BIG HAIRY
SURPRISE.

JENNIE...
DO A WORTHLESS,
OLD DYING GORILLA
ONE LAST FAVOR.

SHOW
ME...I'VE BEEN
WRONG ABOUT
EVERYTHING.

SHOW ME
THAT **REAL**
HEROES NEVER
FORGET WHO
THEY ARE.

ONLY
LOSERS
LIKE ME
DO.



DON'T LET
THE **RED WIDOW**
WIN. IF YOU GO DOWN
THERE, EVERYONE IN
ATLANTIS WILL DIE,
AND YOU'LL BE--

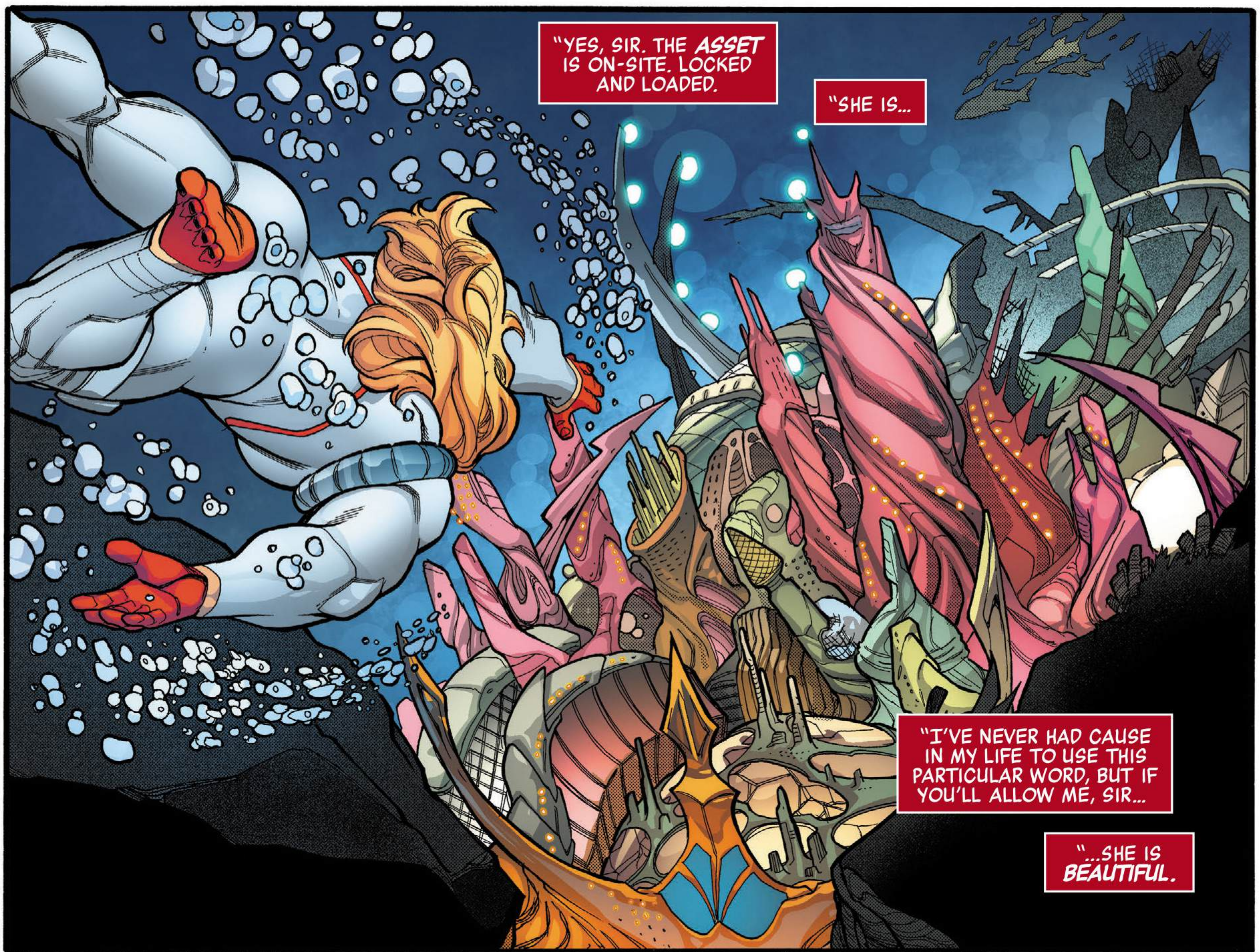
DAMMIT,
SHE-HULK!



BUNCH 'A
DEAD FISH-PEOPLE.
THAT'S A REAL
SHAME.

BET IF I
CLOSE MY EYES
AND **LIE** HERE FOR
A MINUTE...

...I'LL
FORGET
AAAAALL
ABOUT
IT.

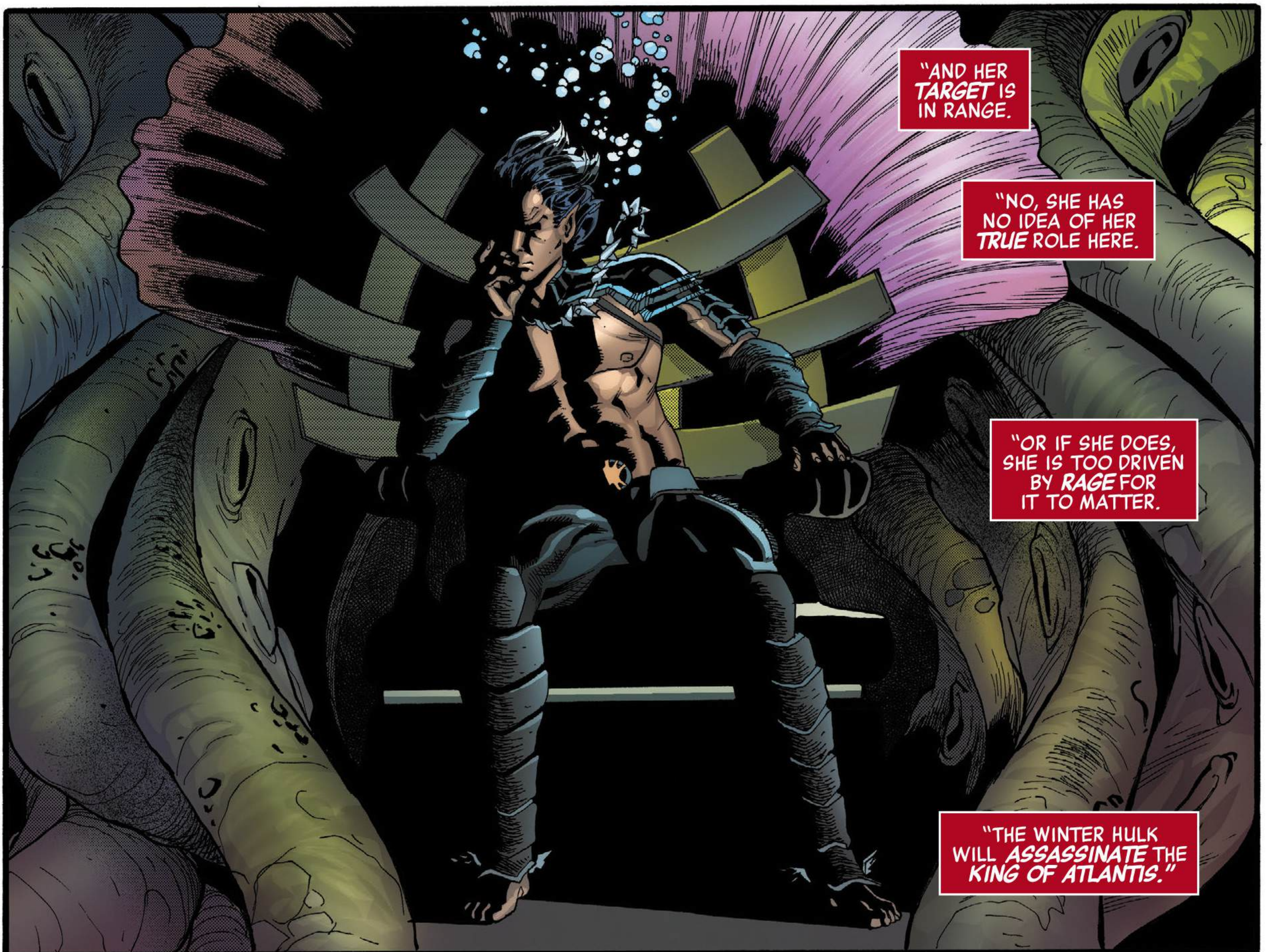


"YES, SIR. THE *ASSET* IS ON-SITE. LOCKED AND LOADED.

"SHE IS...

"I'VE NEVER HAD CAUSE IN MY LIFE TO USE THIS PARTICULAR WORD, BUT IF YOU'LL ALLOW ME, SIR...

"...SHE IS BEAUTIFUL.

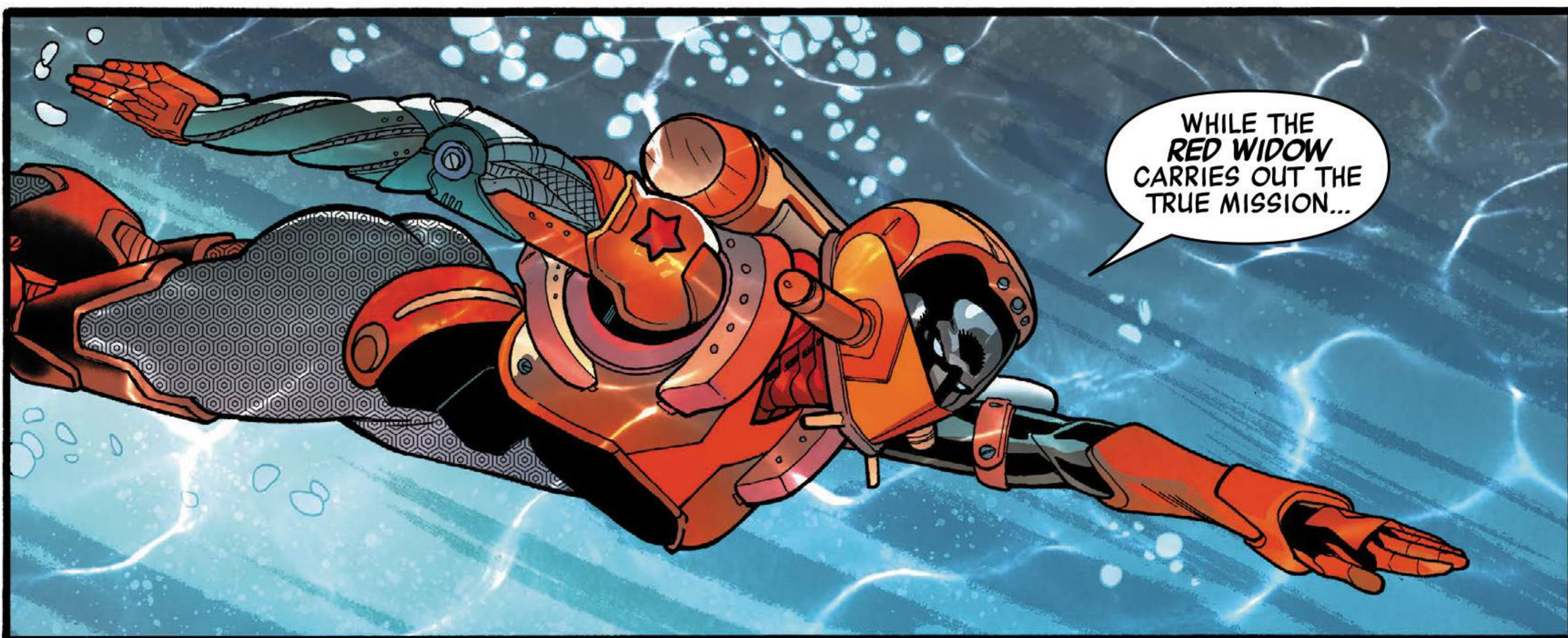


"AND HER *TARGET* IS IN RANGE.

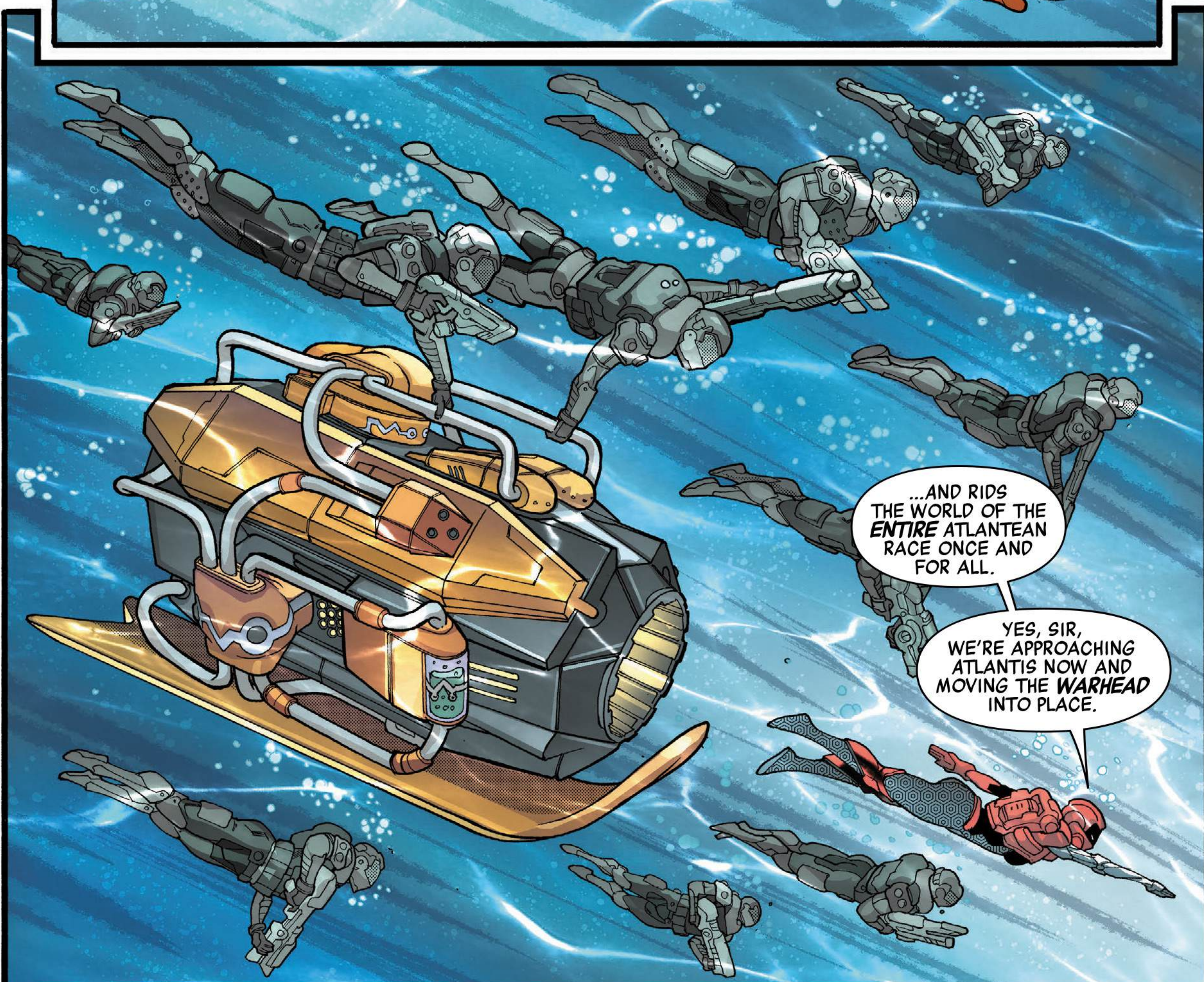
"NO, SHE HAS NO IDEA OF HER *TRUE* ROLE HERE.

"OR IF SHE DOES, SHE IS TOO DRIVEN BY *RAGE* FOR IT TO MATTER.

"THE WINTER HULK WILL *ASSASSINATE* THE KING OF ATLANTIS."



WHILE THE
RED WIDOW
CARRIES OUT THE
TRUE MISSION...



...AND RIDS
THE WORLD OF THE
ENTIRE ATLANTIAN
RACE ONCE AND
FOR ALL.

YES, SIR,
WE'RE APPROACHING
ATLANTIS NOW AND
MOVING THE **WARHEAD**
INTO PLACE.



OF COURSE,
YOUR EXCELLENCY.
IF ANY UNFORESEEN
OBSTACLES SHOULD
ARISE, THERE IS ALSO
THE **FAIL-SAFE**.

NO, SIR. WE WILL
NOT HESITATE. AND
I CAN ASSURE YOU,
IN THE NAME OF THE
MOTHERLAND...

"...THERE WILL
BE NO LOOSE
ENDS."

"KILL THE
GORILLA-MAN--
LIVE FOREVER,"
THEY SAID.

OH
WELL.

"GUESS **FOREVER**
AIN'T WHAT IT
USED TO BE."



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"THE BOMB BENEATH THE WAVES"



THE MID-ATLANTIC RIDGE.
THE ATLANTEAN COLISEUM OF THE BULL SHARK MATADORS.

WHOSOEVER
AMONG YOU HAS
COME TO THIS SACRED
RING TO CHALLENGE NAMOR,
THE RIGHTFUL KING OF
ATLANTIS, FOR THE
CORAL THRONE...

...LET THEM
STEP FORWARD
FROM THE CROWD
AND STATE THEIR
CLAIM.

STEP
FORWARD
FROM THE CROWD?
THAT WON'T BE
POSSIBLE, "YOUR
HIGHNESS."

FOR WE'VE
ALL COME TO
CHALLENGE
YOU.

SO
BE IT.
THEN
CHOOSE FOR
YOURSELVES
HOW YOU WOULD
LIKE TO DIE,
TRAITORS...

...ONE
AT A TIME OR
IN HEAPS.

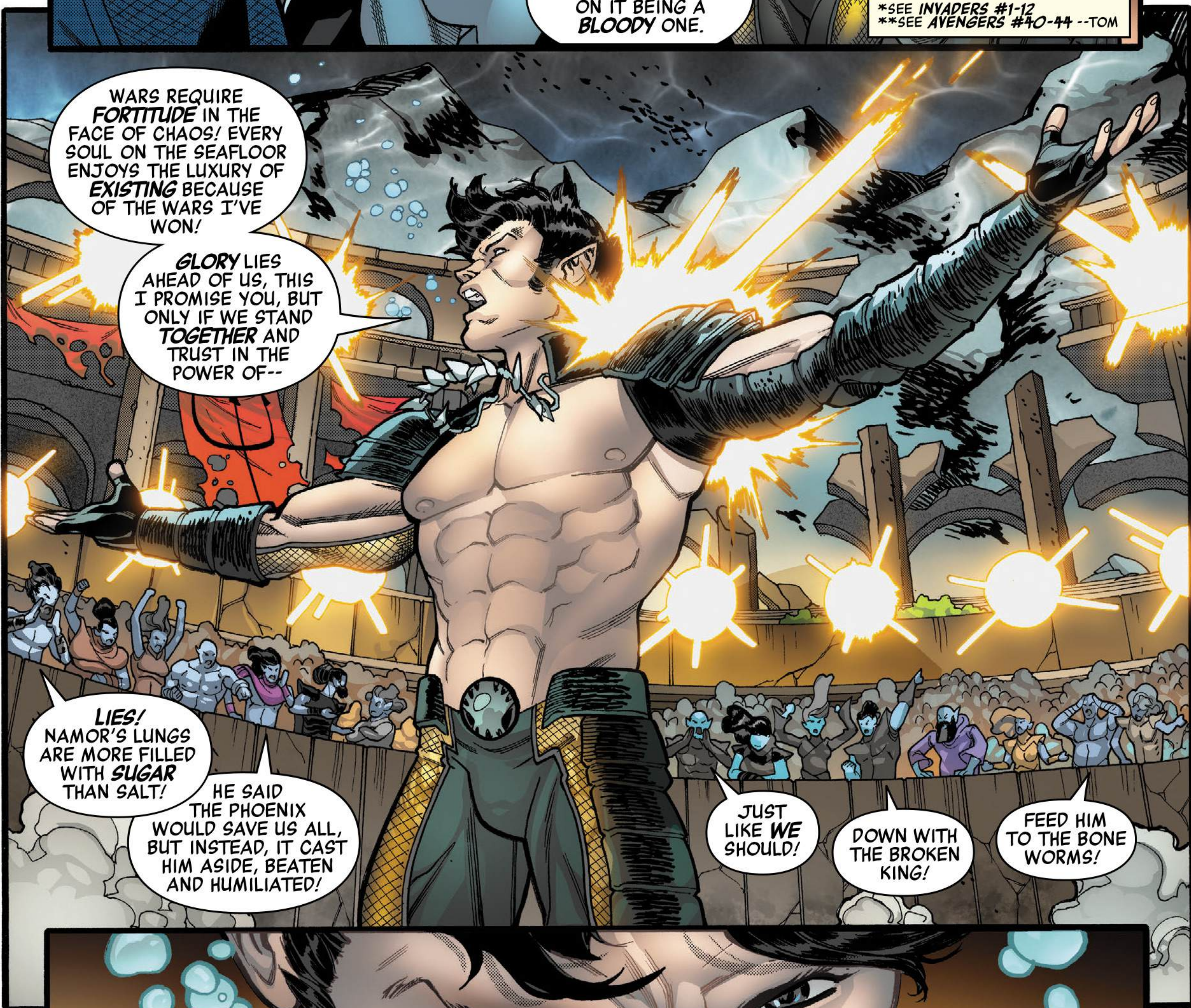


NAMOR,
LISTEN TO THE
CRIES OF YOUR WEARY
PEOPLE. YOUR REIGN
HAS BEEN A
DISASTER.

FROM THE
BLASPHEMY OF
TRANSFORMING SURFACE
FOLK INTO SEA-BREATHERS*
TO THIS LATEST DEBACLE
WITH THE **PHOENIX****, YOUR
PLANS TO SUBDUCE THE
SURFACE WORLD HAVE
BEEN UNMITIGATED
FAILURES.

IT IS TIME
FOR A **CHANGE**.
PLEASE DON'T INSIST
ON IT BEING A
BLOODY ONE.

*SEE INVADERS #1-12
**SEE AVENGERS #40-44 --TOM



WARS REQUIRE
FORTITUDE IN THE
FACE OF CHAOS! EVERY
SOUL ON THE SEAFLOOR
ENJOYS THE LUXURY OF
EXISTING BECAUSE
OF THE WARS I'VE
WON!

GLORY LIES
AHEAD OF US, THIS
I PROMISE YOU, BUT
ONLY IF WE STAND
TOGETHER AND
TRUST IN THE
POWER OF--

LIES!
NAMOR'S LUNGS
ARE MORE FILLED
WITH **SUGAR**
THAN SALT!

HE SAID
THE PHOENIX
WOULD SAVE US ALL,
BUT INSTEAD, IT CAST
HIM ASIDE, BEATEN
AND HUMILIATED!

JUST
LIKE **WE**
SHOULD!

DOWN WITH
THE BROKEN
KING!

FEED HIM
TO THE BONE
WORMS!



AND WHO
WILL RULE
THEN, EH?

WHICH OF
YOU WILL SPEND
SEVEN LIFETIMES
SWIMMING THROUGH
SEAS OF BLOOD? AND
ALL OF ETERNITY IN
THE LAKE OF
FIRE?!

THAT
IS WHAT IT
TAKES TO BE A
KING! THAT IS
NAMOR!!!

WHO IN
THE NAME OF
THE GORE-BEARDED
KRAKENS ARE ANY
OF **YOU?!!**

Avengers Daily
Intelligence Briefing.

Prepared by General Okoye
and the Agents of Wakanda.

Subject:
Atlantis.

The Kingdom of
the Seas stands
on the brink of
violent upheaval.

The most powerful
Atlantean factions...

...(including the marauding
Sea Blades, fundamentalist
OctoPriests, Namor's own
Defenders of the Deep and the
newly unleashed *Black Tide*)...

A
HULK?

...are united only in
their open *dissatisfaction*
with the king.

An attempted
coup seems
imminent.

Namor's regime
is not expected
to survive.

ASSASSIN!

ATLANTIS. IMPERIAL CAPITAL OF THE SEVEN SEAS.

But regime change alone will not end the oceanic bloodshed.

With its attacks on shipping lanes, Atlantis has made bitter enemies of the world's leading economic powers and multinational corporations.

Russia, in particular, has been working for months to destabilize undersea society and turn global public opinion against the Atlanteans' militant conservation efforts.

(See sub-report on *Vostok* of the *Winter Guard*, the Soviet-era synthezoid believed to be Russia's one-man *cyber-espionage* division.)

Chatter indicates the Russians may be looking to take advantage of the sub-aquatic civil discord by launching a *covert assault* on Atlantis.

Stark satellite surveillance indicates *Wolf Spider Spetsnaz* forces recently removed a *warhead* from a nuclear weapons storage facility in Okolnaya Bay.

The warhead is believed to be an enhanced radiation weapon of the late *Igor Drenkov's* design.

A Russian *gamma bomb*.

Total yield: 68 megatons.

Detonation within the capital city of Atlantis would result in an **instantly lethal** radiation zone of 12 square miles...

...with an underwater **fire wave** extending 80,000 fathoms from ground zero.

Expected *Homo mermanus* death toll: 11,780.

Or 98% of the known Atlantean population.

YOU REALLY **DO** WANT TO DIE, DON'T YOU, SIMIAN?

WELL, **CONGRATULATIONS.**

YOU HAVE **CONVINCED** ME.

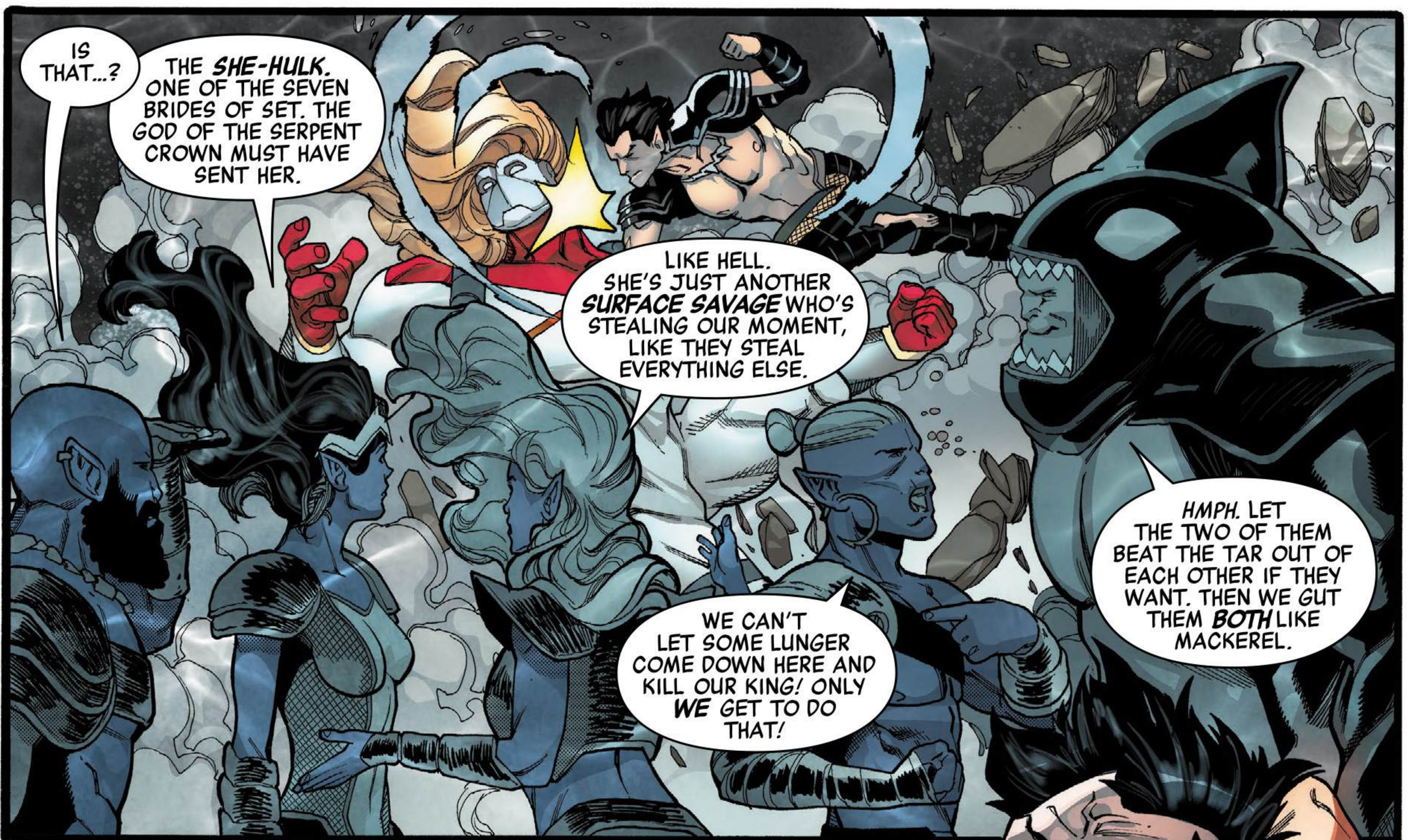
We believe the gamma detonation will be timed to coincide with the prearranged presence of a **scapegoat**.

One with the established motive and power level to conceivably **obliterate** Atlantis on their own.



The *Winter Hulk's* true mission...

...is to be a *patsy*.



IS THAT...?

THE *SHE-HULK*. ONE OF THE SEVEN BRIDES OF SET. THE GOD OF THE SERPENT CROWN MUST HAVE SENT HER.

LIKE HELL. SHE'S JUST ANOTHER *SURFACE SAVAGE* WHO'S STEALING OUR MOMENT, LIKE THEY STEAL EVERYTHING ELSE.

WE CAN'T LET SOME LUNGER COME DOWN HERE AND KILL OUR KING! ONLY *WE* GET TO DO THAT!

HMPH. LET THE TWO OF THEM BEAT THE TAR OUT OF EACH OTHER IF THEY WANT. THEN WE GUT THEM *BOTH* LIKE MACKEREL.



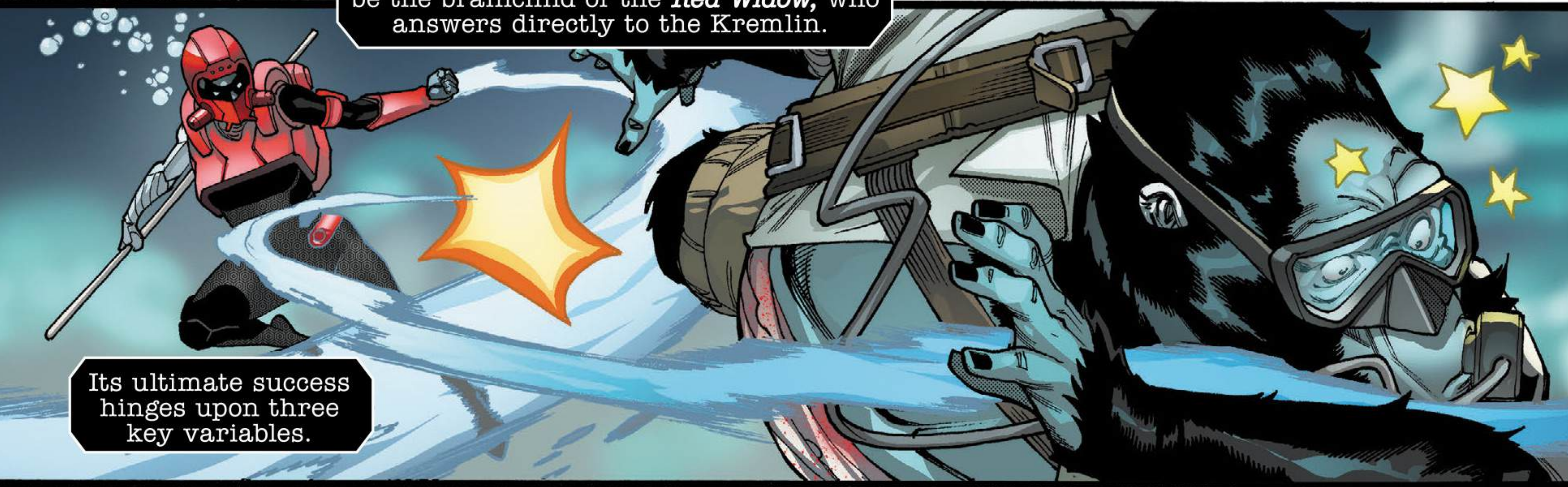
Once Atlantis is destroyed, the condemnation of Jennifer Walters will be swift, unanimous and *global*.

HGGHK!



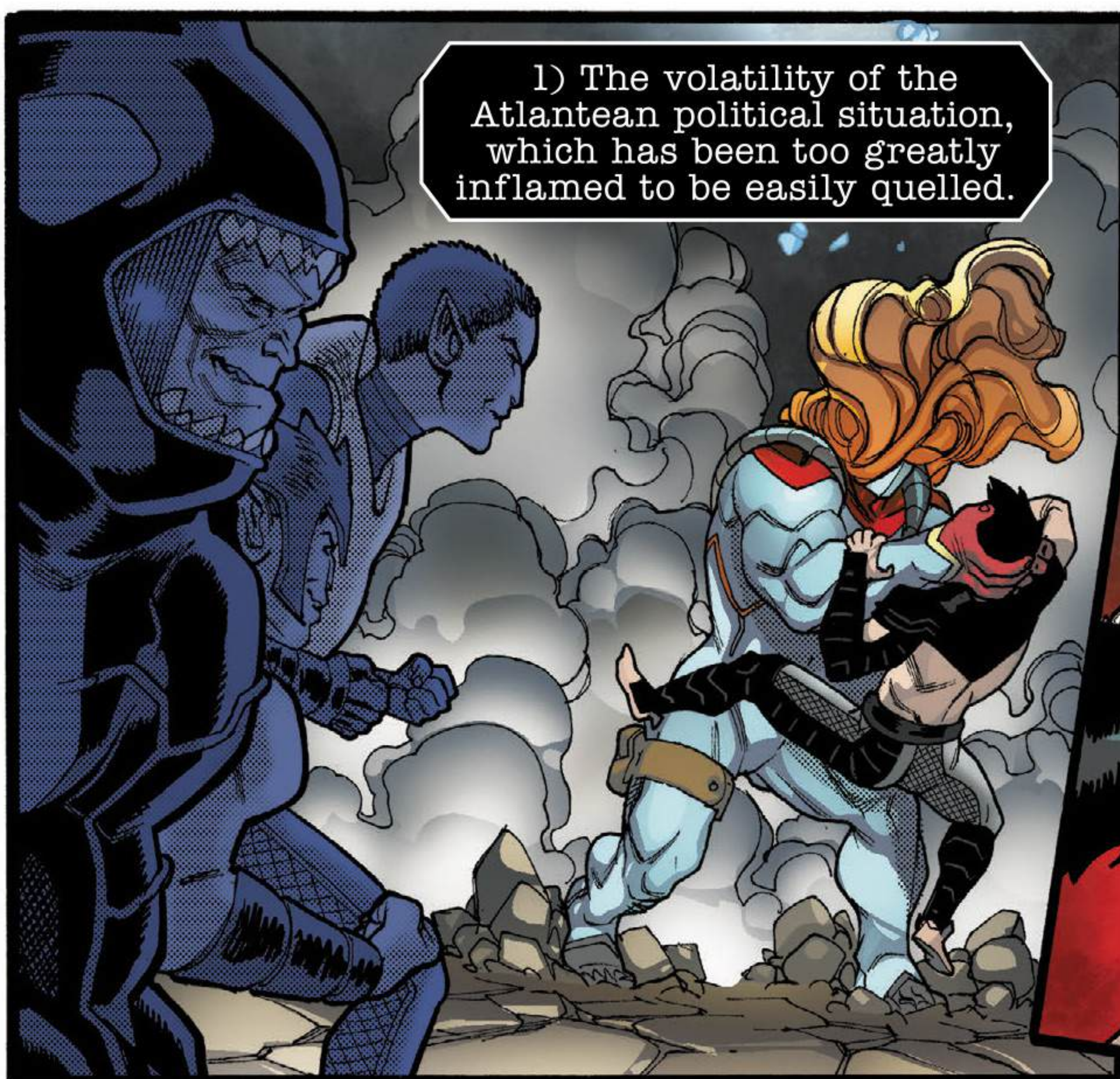
That includes her home country. There are **anti-Avengers** forces within the U.S. government standing by to lay blame upon a renegade She-Hulk.

The Russian operation has been carefully coordinated and is believed to be the brainchild of the **Red Widow**, who answers directly to the Kremlin.



Its ultimate success hinges upon three key variables.

1) The volatility of the Atlantean political situation, which has been too greatly inflamed to be easily quelled.

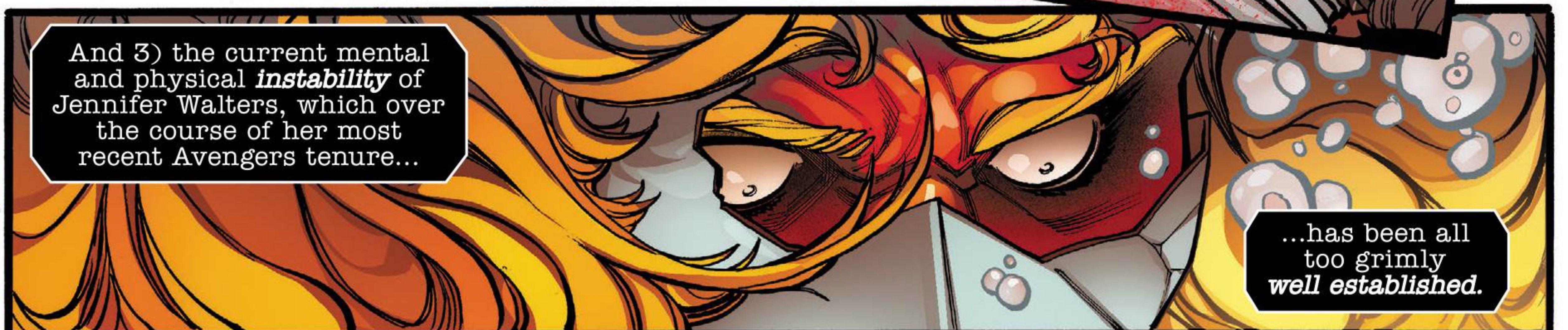


2) The effectiveness of the Red Widow as an assassin and espionage agent, highly skilled in the art of mass murder...



...of which there is little question.

And 3) the current mental and physical **instability** of Jennifer Walters, which over the course of her most recent Avengers tenure...



...has been all too grimly **well established.**



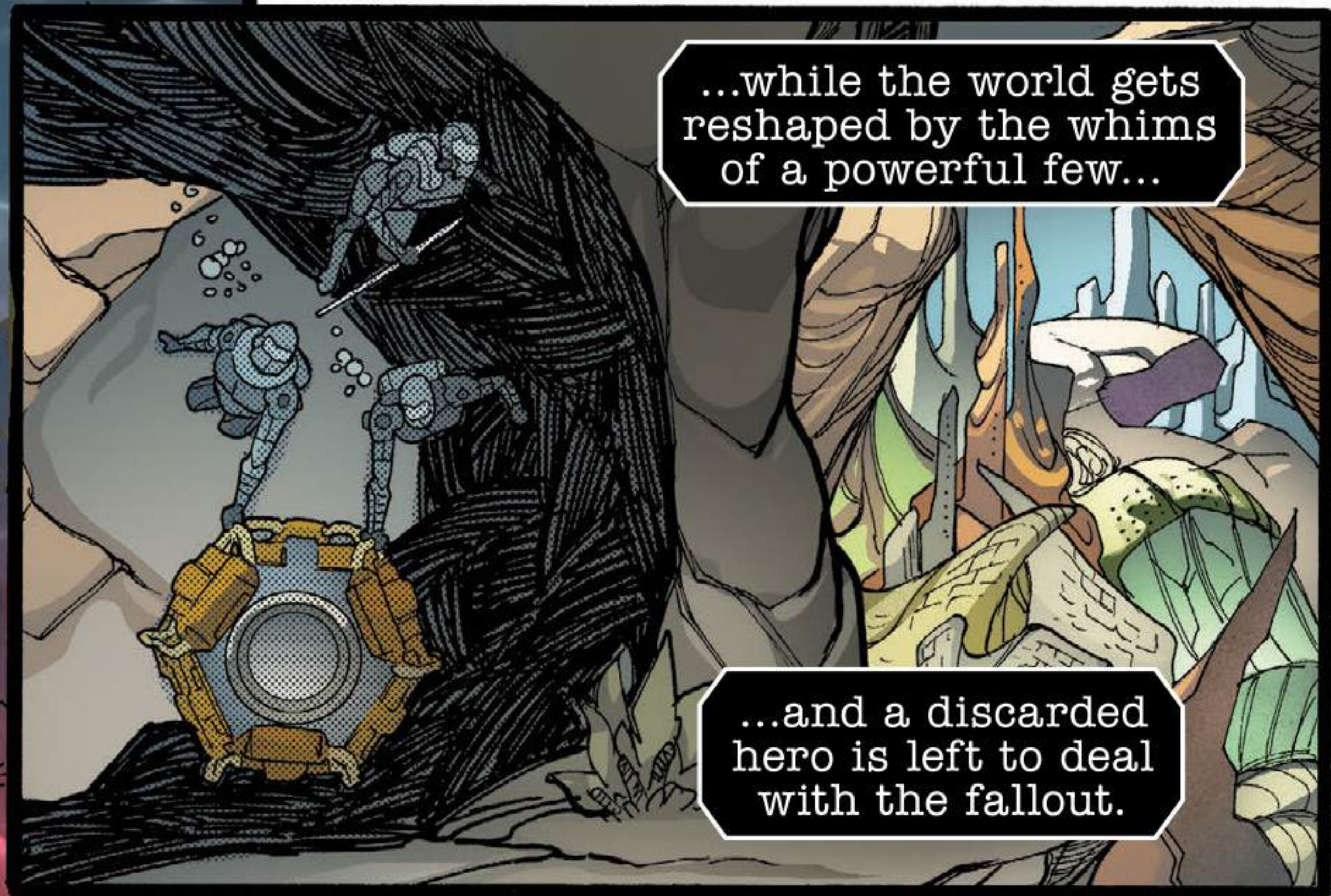
It is the opinion of these agents that should the Red Widow be able to proceed...

...we would be looking at a **global conflict** fought with very few soldiers in the field that nonetheless yields an appallingly high number of civilian casualties...

WELL DAMN. TURNS OUT...

...I DON'T REALLY WANNA DIE...

...AFTER ALL.



...while the world gets reshaped by the whims of a powerful few...

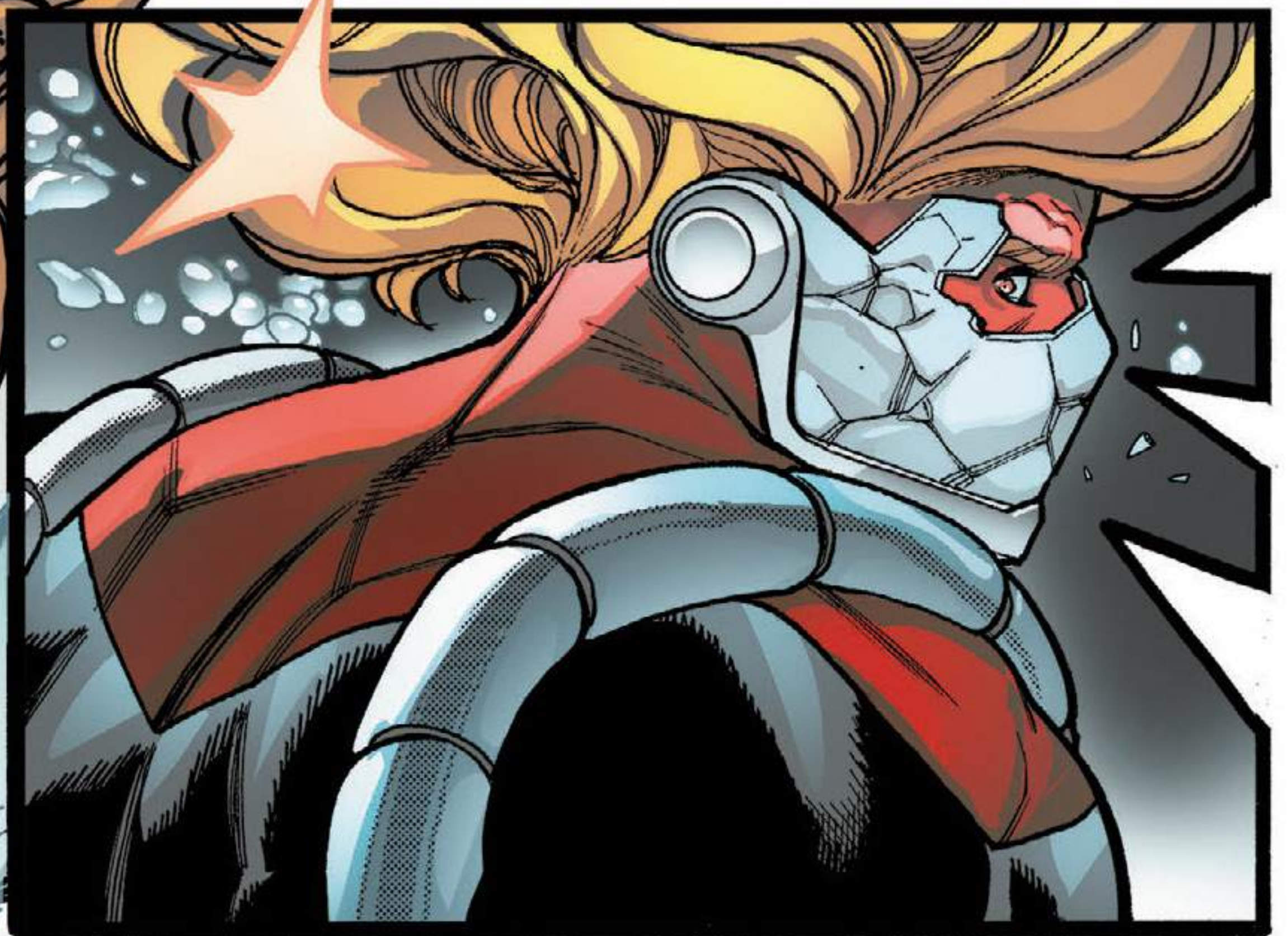
...and a discarded hero is left to deal with the fallout.



Such tends to be the way of modern world wars.



And so will go *World War She-Hulk*.



EVACUATE YOUR PEOPLE.

GAAAGH!

Yet we also acknowledge the *possibility*, however slight...

...that Jennifer Walters, a former agent of *S.H.I.E.L.D.* and *veteran Avenger* of multiple tours...

...someone who has controlled and effectively wielded the gamma powers of a Hulk for many years...

...while also balancing a successful *law career* and overcoming personal *trauma*...

...knows *exactly* what she is doing.

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

GUESS SHE LOST HER NERVE.

THEN SHOW HER *OURS!* FEED THEM BOTH TO THE BONE WORMS!

DUDE, WHAT'S WITH YOU AND THE *BONE WORMS*?

DOES... DOES ANYBODY ELSE *HEAR* THAT? THAT... *RUMBLE*?

I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE. BUT NEVER IN THE DEEP. THAT... SHOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE.

IN THE WORLD ABOVE, I BELIEVE THEY CALL IT...

WHAT? WHAT THE *BARNACLES* IS IT?

"...THUNDER!"



Wakandan submersible
surveillance drone
incident report.

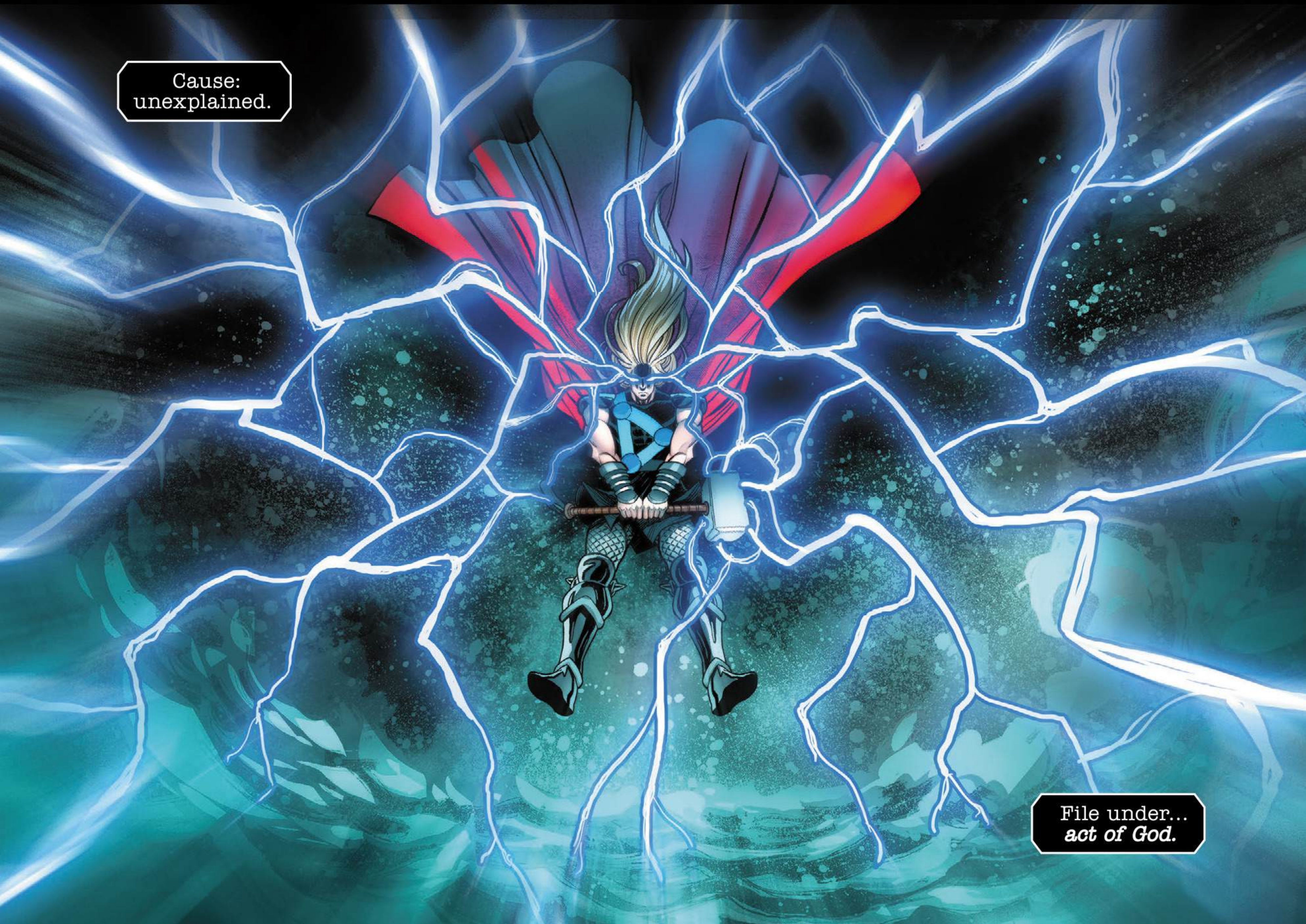
A *weather anomaly*
was detected at 14:37
Atlantic Standard Time.

A localized, deep-sea
supercell displaying
hurricane-force
undercurrents and
surface-to-seafloor
lightning activity.

An *underwater
thunderstorm.*



Cause:
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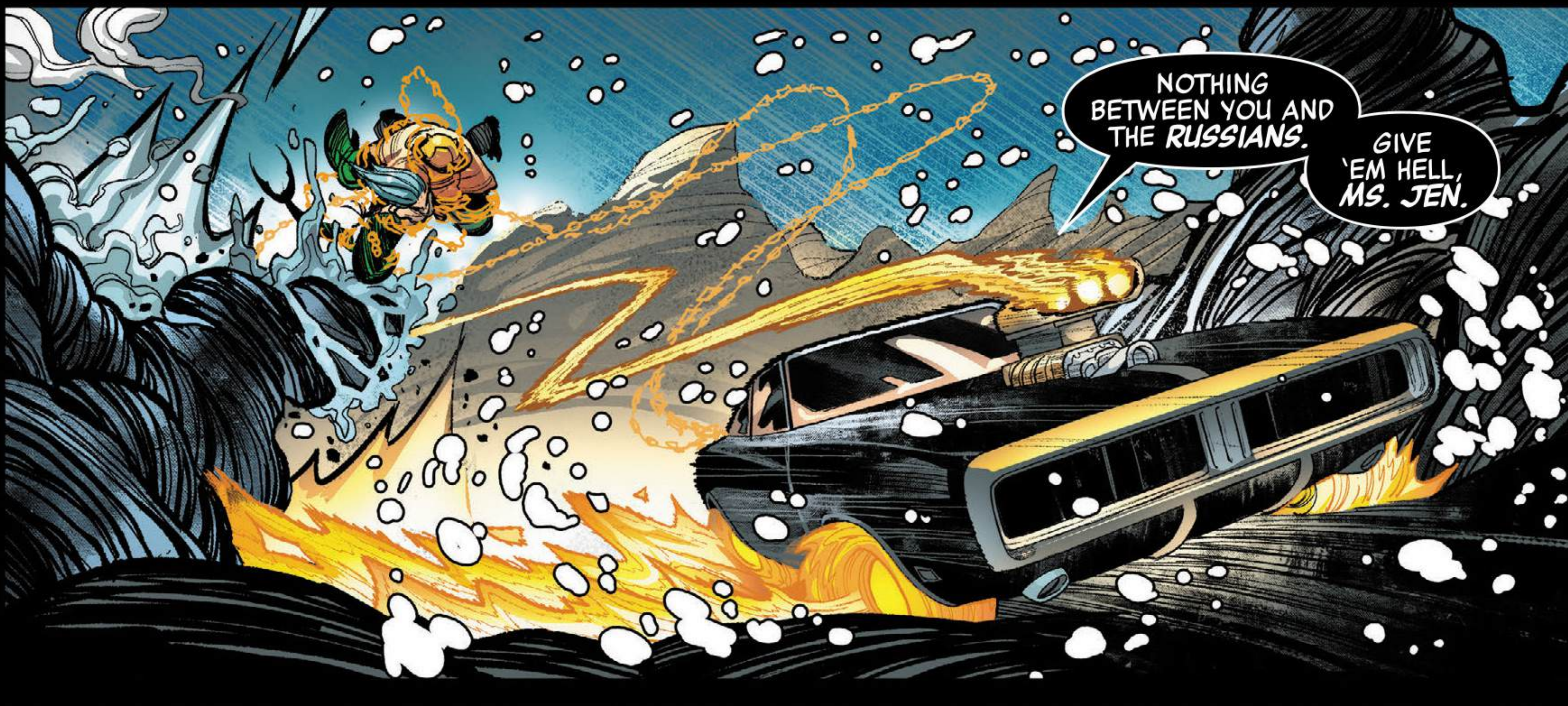


File under...
act of God.



THIS IS
GHOST RIDER.
THE STORM JUST
SWEEPED THROUGH
THE COLISEUM.

AND I'VE
GOT THE LAST
OF THE STRAGGLERS.
THE *MOB'S* BEEN
CLEARED.



NOTHING
BETWEEN YOU AND
THE *RUSSIANS*.

GIVE
'EM HELL,
MS. JEN.



Avengers strategy
session transcript.

Present: Chairperson T'Challa and
Avenger Jennifer Walters.
Subject: the Undercover Hulk proposal.

"I'll be honest with you, Jennifer.
I have *grave misgivings* about the
operation you're proposing."

"I know you do, T'Challa. I appreciate your *trusting* me, boss."

"You *do*... trust me, right?"

"If the Winter Guard succeeds in apprehending you...you could be looking at *weeks* as a prisoner in a Red Room brainwashing facility."

"That...could *shatter* almost anyone. Even a seasoned Avenger."

"Especially an Avenger who has struggled in recent months to *control* her own abilities."

"Is *that* what I've been doing?"

MY CHILD, YOU NEED ONE MORE LESSON FROM MOTHER WIDOW, DON'T YOU?
YOU SHALL HAVE IT.

"Jennifer, part of me can't help but feel that...given the threat that's currently posed to you, both physically and mentally..."

"...the smart thing would be to *remove* you from active duty for a time."

"You do that and I'll quit. And face the Russians alone."

"Jennifer..."

"You can stop right there, T'Challa."

"You may be a great king and an awesome pope, but you're not going to *out-lawyer* me. Not on this."

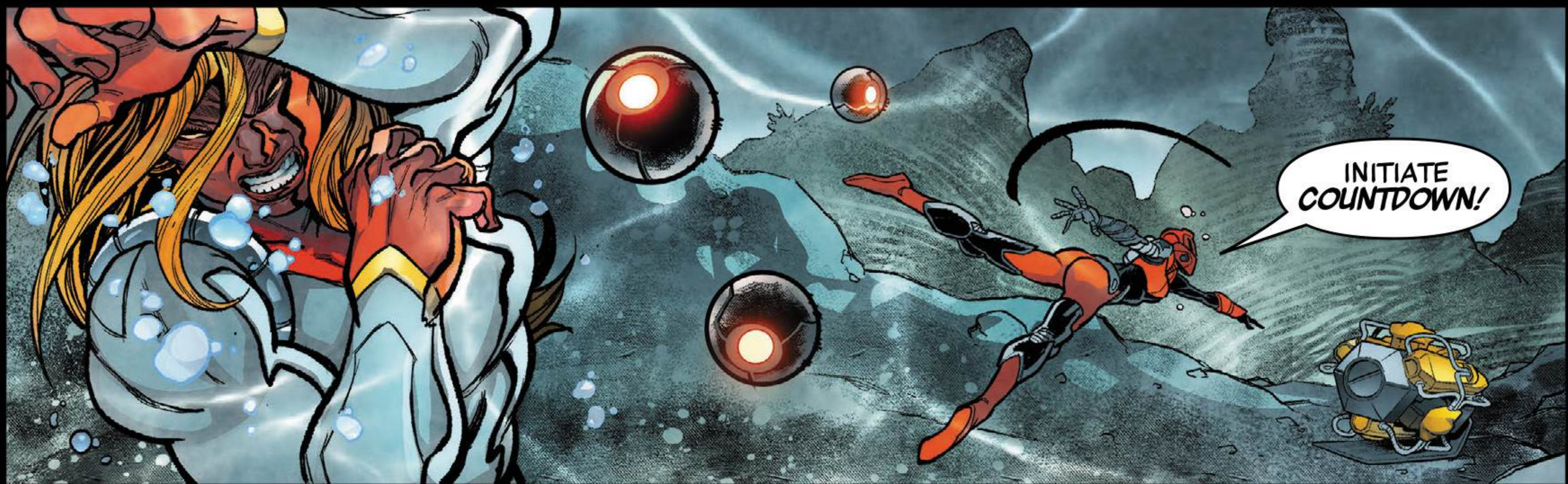
"The Russians are planning something in Atlantis. We need to know *what*."

"And if I'm supposed to be their key to making it happen, then let me be our key to *stopping* it."

"You understand what the Widow could possibly do to you in a place like the Red Room?"

"I understand that she thinks she can *break* me."

"Which is why I have to go."



PERUN.
SLAVIC STORM GOD.

CHERNOBOG.
SLAVIC GOD OF DARKNESS.

THOR?
HOME BASE
SAYS WE'VE GOT
RUSSIAN GODS
INCOMING.

THOR?!

BOTH SUSPECTED OF WAR CRIMES IN SIEGE OF KAZAN 1552,
MASSACRE OF NOVGOROD 1570, CIRCASSIAN GENOCIDE 1864,
BOLSHEVIK RED TERROR 1918, TAKING OF BERLIN 1945,
INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN 1983.

"I will do what I have
to do to destroy
the Winter Guard.

"To be in position
to stop the
Russians' plan.

"To save
Atlantis.

"And to show
the Red Widows
of the world...

"...the ones who
think I can be
broken and made
into their weapon...

HRRRRRGGGH!!!

THE WIDOW HULK.

"...to show them
what will happen
if they try.

"To show them that *they'll* break."

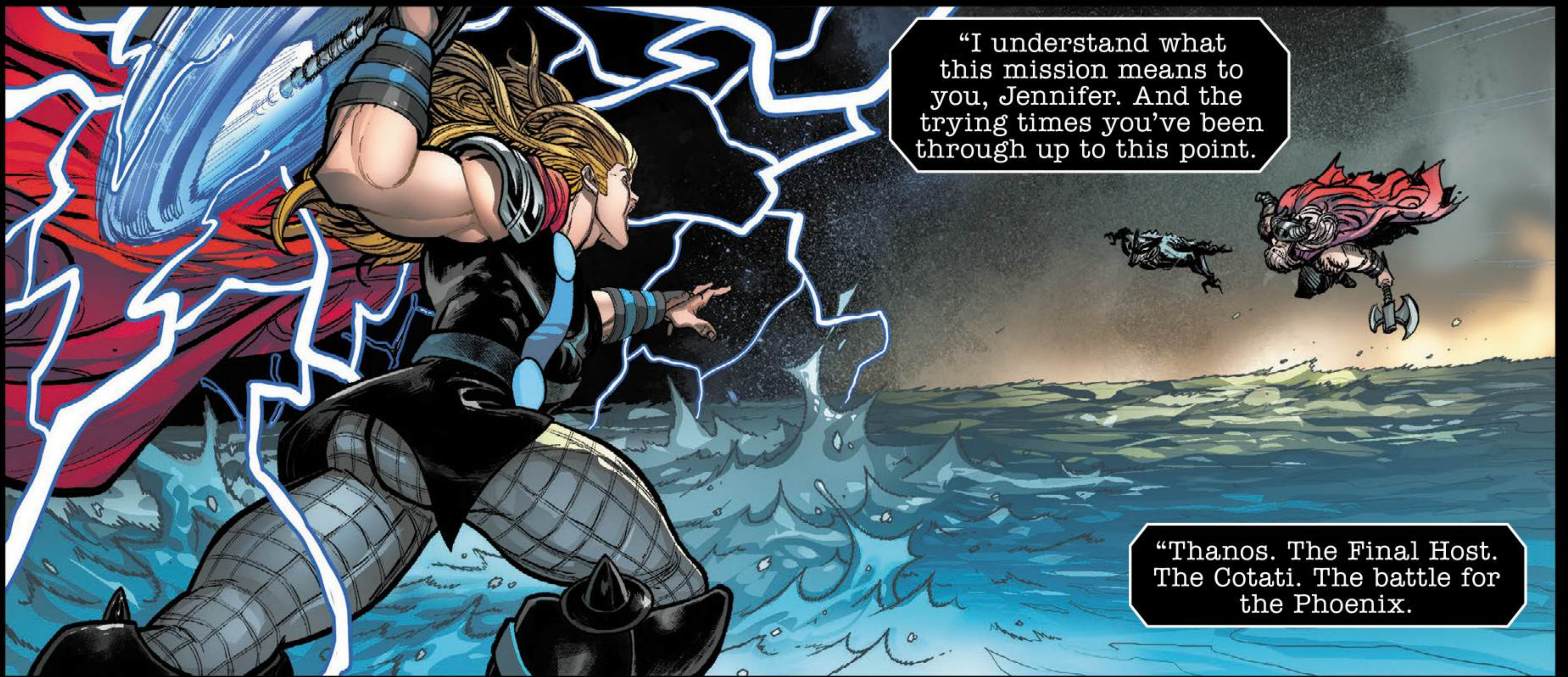
"At my damn hands."



"Every last one of them."

"They'll break and be *buried*."

"Long before the *She-Hulk* ever will."



"I understand what this mission means to you, Jennifer. And the trying times you've been through up to this point."

"Thanos. The Final Host. The Cotati. The battle for the Phoenix."



"Your increased power levels and the changes in the way you manifest as a Hulk."

"And now the pressure of being targeted by the Winter Guard."



"Jennifer, I'd just like to know, before I sanction this mission..."

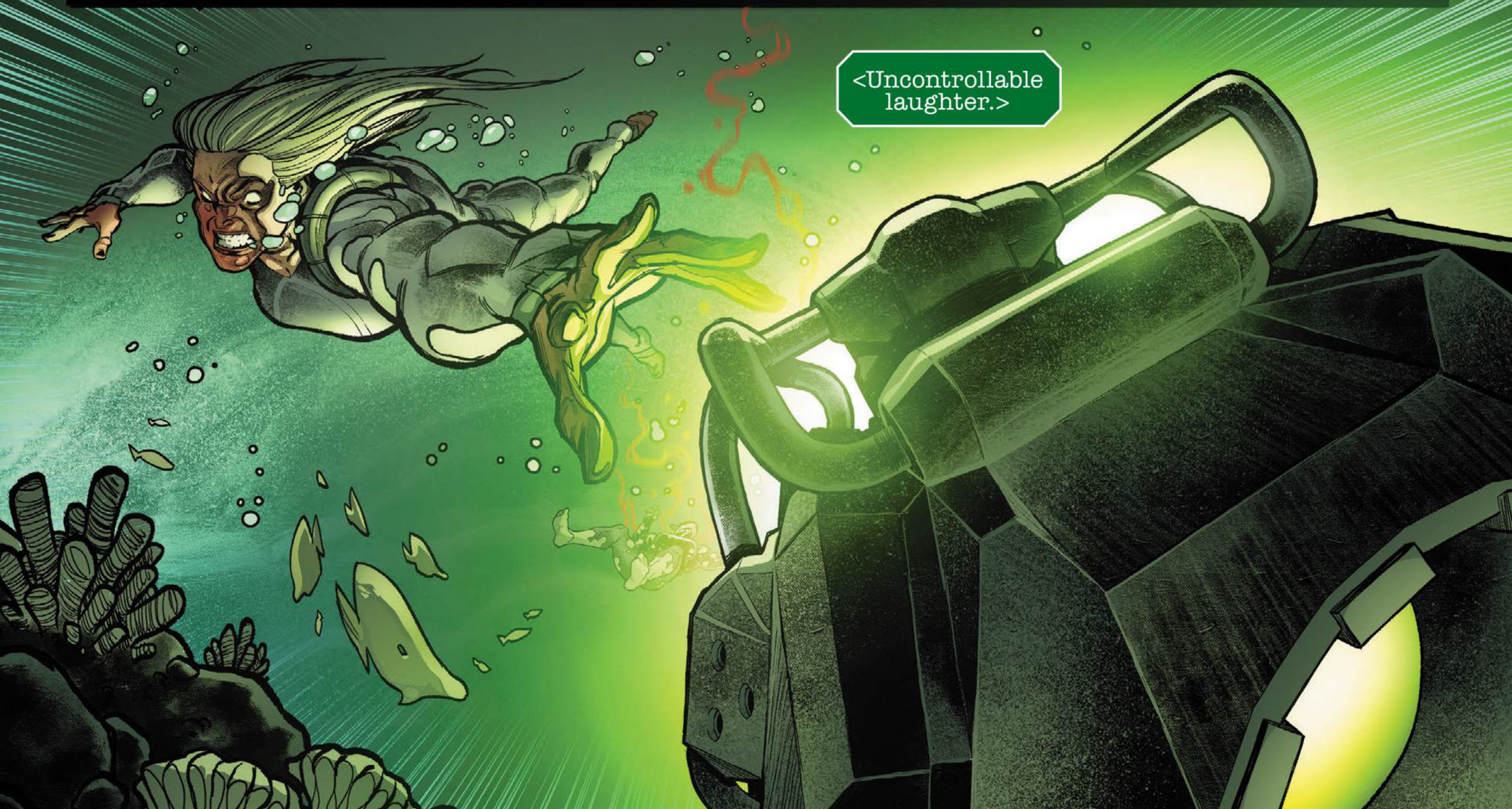
"...in light of all this, of everything you've endured..."

"...please tell me, in the frankest terms possible..."

"...how do you *feel*?"

"Do you honestly...feel like *yourself*?"





50 WORLD WAR SHE-HULK PART 5
"AN EARTH UNLIKE ANY OTHER
(JUST LIKE ALL THE REST)"







SO I'M
GONNA NEED
YOU TO GO AHEAD AND
KILL EACH OTHER
TONIGHT.

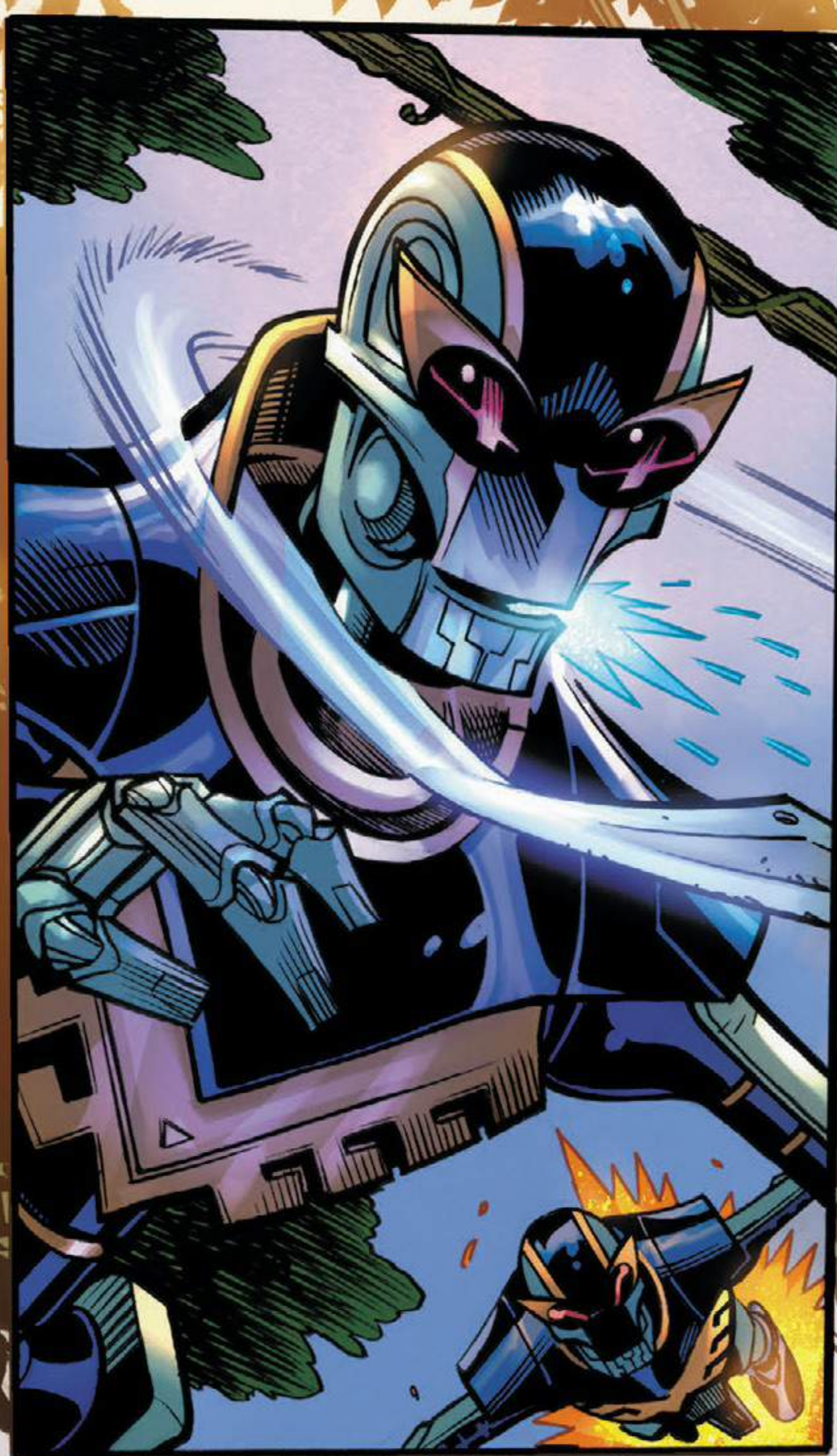
WHILE I
WATCH.

THEN
I'VE GOT
SOMEWHERE
TO BE.

COOL?

**PROLOGUE ONE:
WAKE UP--THE ORB SEES YOU.**

**ELSEWHERE.
ELSEWHEN.**





PROLOGUE TWO: KA-ZAR VS. KID THANOS AT THE DAWN OF IT ALL.

ONE MILLION B.C.

IF ONLY
MOTHER COULD SEE
ME NOW! I ALMOST WISH
I HADN'T *DISSECTED*
HER!

IT'LL BE A
SIMPLE MISSION,
T'CHALLA SAID.

ESPECIALLY FOR A MAN
RAISED IN THE SAVAGE LAND
BY A SABER-TOOTH TIGER.

I'D BE BACK
SECONDS AFTER
I LEFT.

A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION THROUGH
TIME, TO CHART THE UNKNOWN HISTORY OF
THE EARTH'S GREATEST LEGACY POWERS
ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE BEGINNING.

GET
DOWN!

JUST TRY NOT TO
INTERACT WITH ANY OF
THE LOCALS, HE SAID.

OR, YOU KNOW...
ACCIDENTALLY *ALTER* ALL
OF HUMAN HISTORY.

GAAARGH!

THOUGH IF THERE'S
ONE THING I'VE
LEARNED OVER THE
COURSE OF THIS
CRAZY MISSION...

KILL HIM!
KILL ANYTHING
ALIVE THAT
LUMBERS ON
TWO LEGS!

AND I'LL
CORRECT THE
MISTAKE THE
CELESTIALS MADE
BY EVER SEEDING
THIS MISERABLE
SWAMP!

OVER MY
DEAD BODY,
YOU SORRY,
PURPLE
PSYCHO!!!

...IT'S THAT EARTH'S
LEGACY IS WELL
PROTECTED.

EVEN AT THE
DAWN OF IT ALL.

KA-ZAR,
LORD OF THE
SAVAGE
FUTURE.

AGENT
OF EARTH'S
MIGHTIEST
HEROES YET
TO COME.

LET THE
PHOENIX
ASSURE YOU
THAT YOU DO
NOT FIGHT
ALONE.

FOR
THIS ERA
HAS MIGHTY
HEROES OF
ITS OWN.

THE DAWN OF
AN AGE OF
WONDERS BEYOND
ALL IMAGINING.

WHOA.

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE.

ON A WORLD
UNLIKE ANY
OTHER.

EARTH-616.

**TODAY.
EARTH-616.
NEAR ATLANTIS.**

AVENGERS,
THIS IS *GHOST
RIDER*! THE WHOLE
OCEAN JUST
WENT *GREEN*!

THE RUSSIANS'
GAMMA BOMB
MUST'VE EXPLODED!
I DON'T KNOW
HOW WE'RE NOT
DEAD!

SPEAK FOR
YOURSELF.

ALSO, I
FOUND *GORILLA-
MAN*, WHO'S BADLY
WOUNDED!

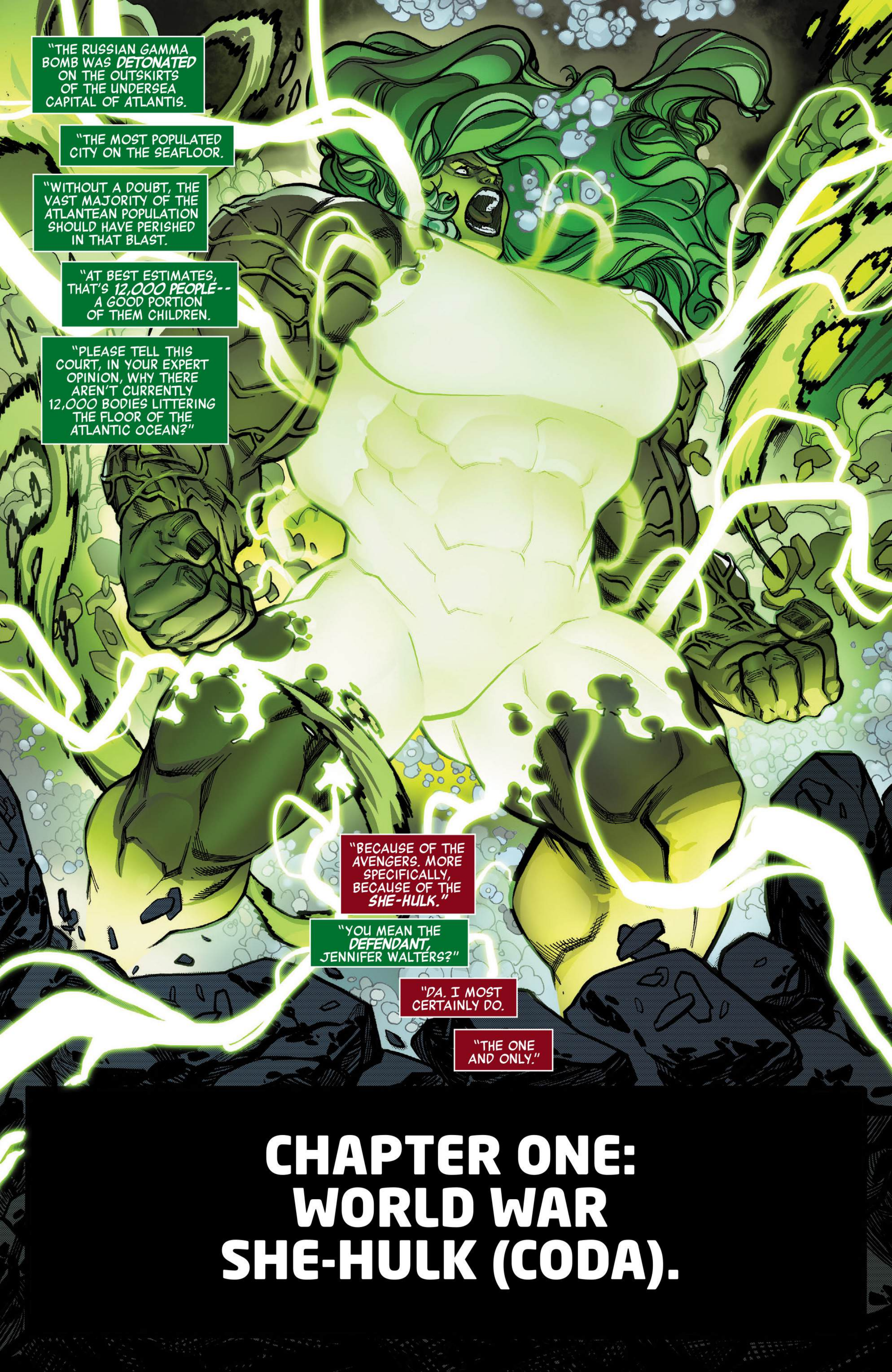
AND SEEMS
SORRY FOR,
YOU KNOW,
BETRAYING
US.

I NEED TO
GET HIM TO AVENGERS
MOUNTAIN, BUT I DON'T
WANNA LEAVE *SHE-HULK*
DOWN HERE ALONE WITH
THE *RED WIDOW*!

UUUUGGH!

NEVER MIND
THAT PART!
THE *RED WIDOW*
IS DOWN!

BUT I
THINK WE JUST
GOT A *BIGGER*
PROBLEM!



"THE RUSSIAN GAMMA BOMB WAS *DETONATED* ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE UNDERSEA CAPITAL OF ATLANTIS.

"THE MOST POPULATED CITY ON THE SEAFLOOR.

"WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE ATLANTEAN POPULATION SHOULD HAVE PERISHED IN THAT BLAST.

"AT BEST ESTIMATES, THAT'S *12,000 PEOPLE--* A GOOD PORTION OF THEM CHILDREN.

"PLEASE TELL THIS COURT, IN YOUR EXPERT OPINION, WHY THERE AREN'T CURRENTLY 12,000 BODIES LITTERING THE FLOOR OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN?"

"BECAUSE OF THE AVENGERS. MORE SPECIFICALLY, BECAUSE OF THE *SHE-HULK.*"

"YOU MEAN THE *DEFENDANT*, JENNIFER WALTERS?"

"DA. I MOST CERTAINLY DO.

"THE ONE AND ONLY."

CHAPTER ONE: WORLD WAR SHE-HULK (CODA).

THE ARCTIC CIRCLE.
AVENGERS MOUNTAIN.
CURRENTLY INFECTED
AND OFFLINE.

GET
HER TO THE
MEDLAB!

JENNIFER,
PLEASE--YOU NEED
EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TREATMENT!

JEN, MY
GOD--WHAT DID
YOU DO?!

SHE ABSORBED
68 MEGATONS OF
GAMMA WARHEAD!
IT'S TOO MUCH
POWER--EVEN
FOR HER!

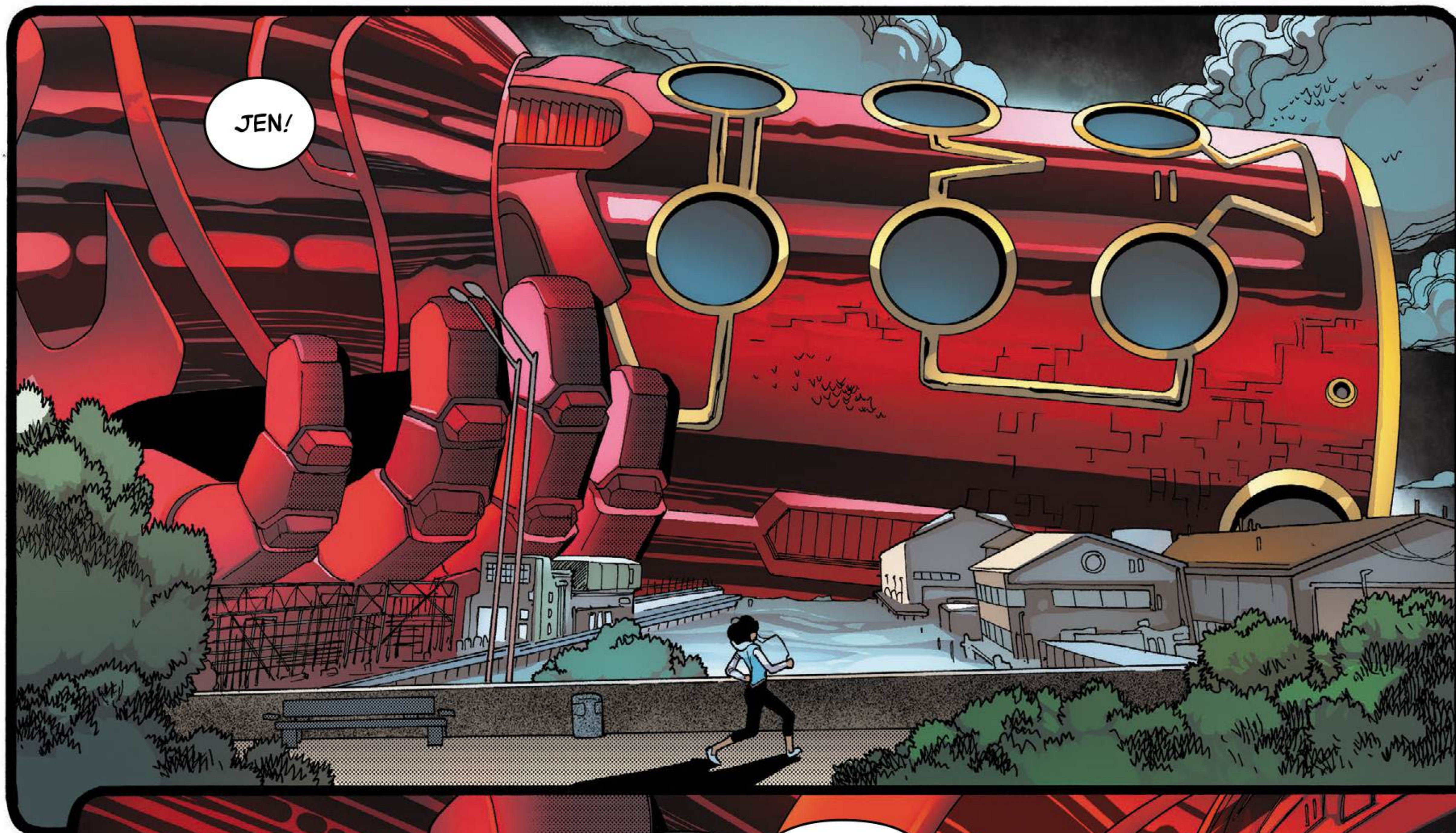
I KNEW SHE
SHOULDN'T HAVE
GONE ON THIS CRAZY
MISSION! THIS
WAS SUICIDE!

WE'VE GOT
TO SIPHON OFF
THE EXCESS
RADIATION!

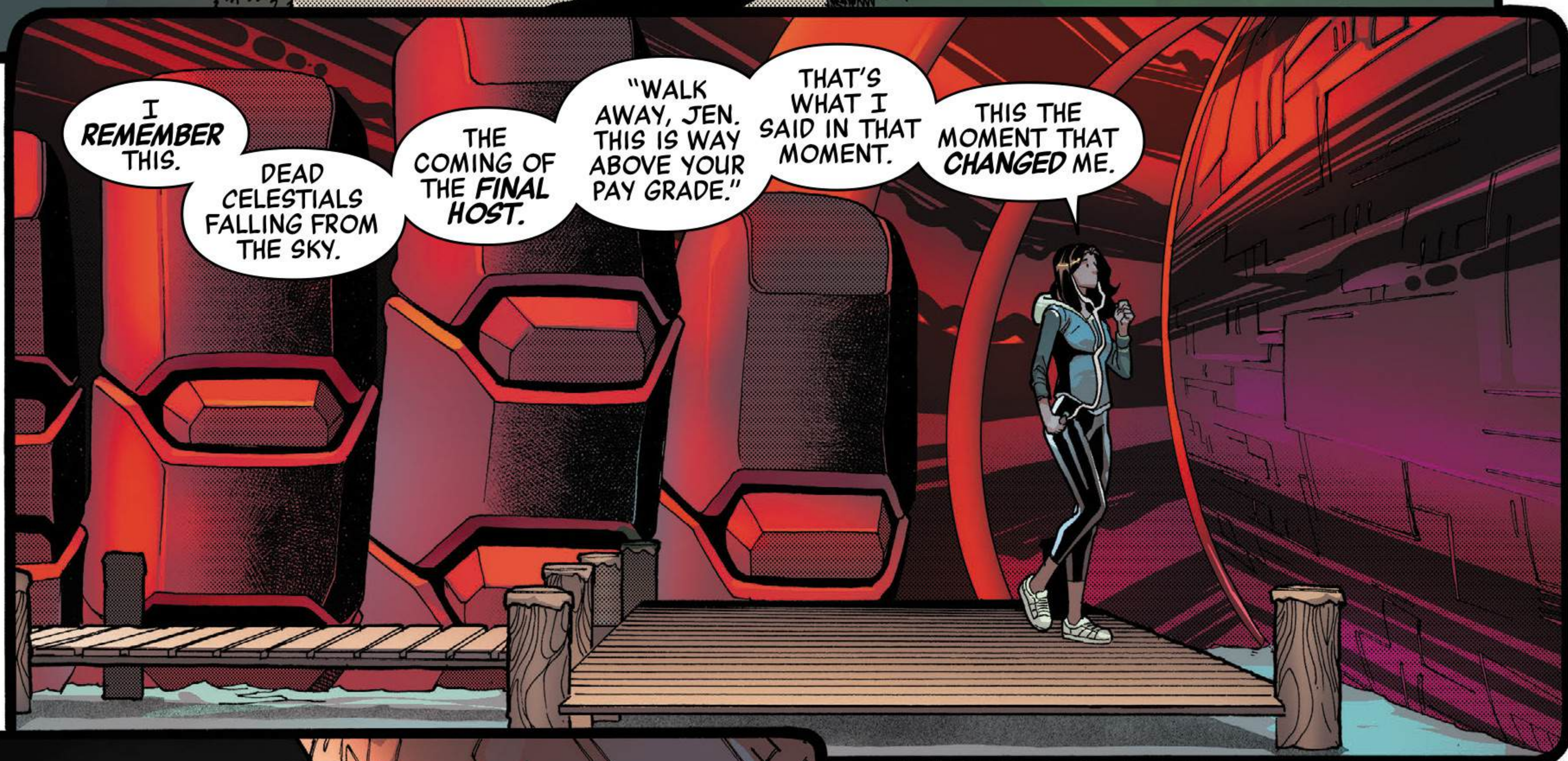
HOW?!
GORILLA-MAN
POISONED THE
MOUNTAIN! OUR
SYSTEMS ARE
USELESS!

WE'VE
GOT TO
TRY!

JEN! JEN,
CAN YOU HEAR
ME?!



JEN!



I REMEMBER THIS.

DEAD CELESTIALS FALLING FROM THE SKY.

THE COMING OF THE FINAL HOST.

"WALK AWAY, JEN. THIS IS WAY ABOVE YOUR PAY GRADE."

THAT'S WHAT I SAID IN THAT MOMENT.

THIS THE MOMENT THAT CHANGED ME.



THAT'S WHY THE HULK TOOK OVER.

FOR ONCE, SHE KNEW BETTER THAN ME.

AND SO DID YOU.

THANK YOU.



AND ALSO...

YOU'RE WELCOME.



WHOA!
HOLD HER!

RRRRRGGGGH!!!

WHERE'S
THOR?!

"AND AS FOR THE **CRIMINAL CHARGES** THAT WERE BROUGHT AGAINST THE DEFENDANT?"



JEN, STOP!
WE'RE TRYING
TO HELP YOU!

WHERE'S SHE
GOING? I'VE NEVER
EVEN **SEEN** THAT
ROOM BEFORE!

"IN RED SQUARE, SHE-HULK WAS
SAVING THE WORLD FROM
A PHOENIX-POWERED NAMOR.

"AND THEN SHE SAVED NAMOR
AND HIS PEOPLE FROM THE WORLD.

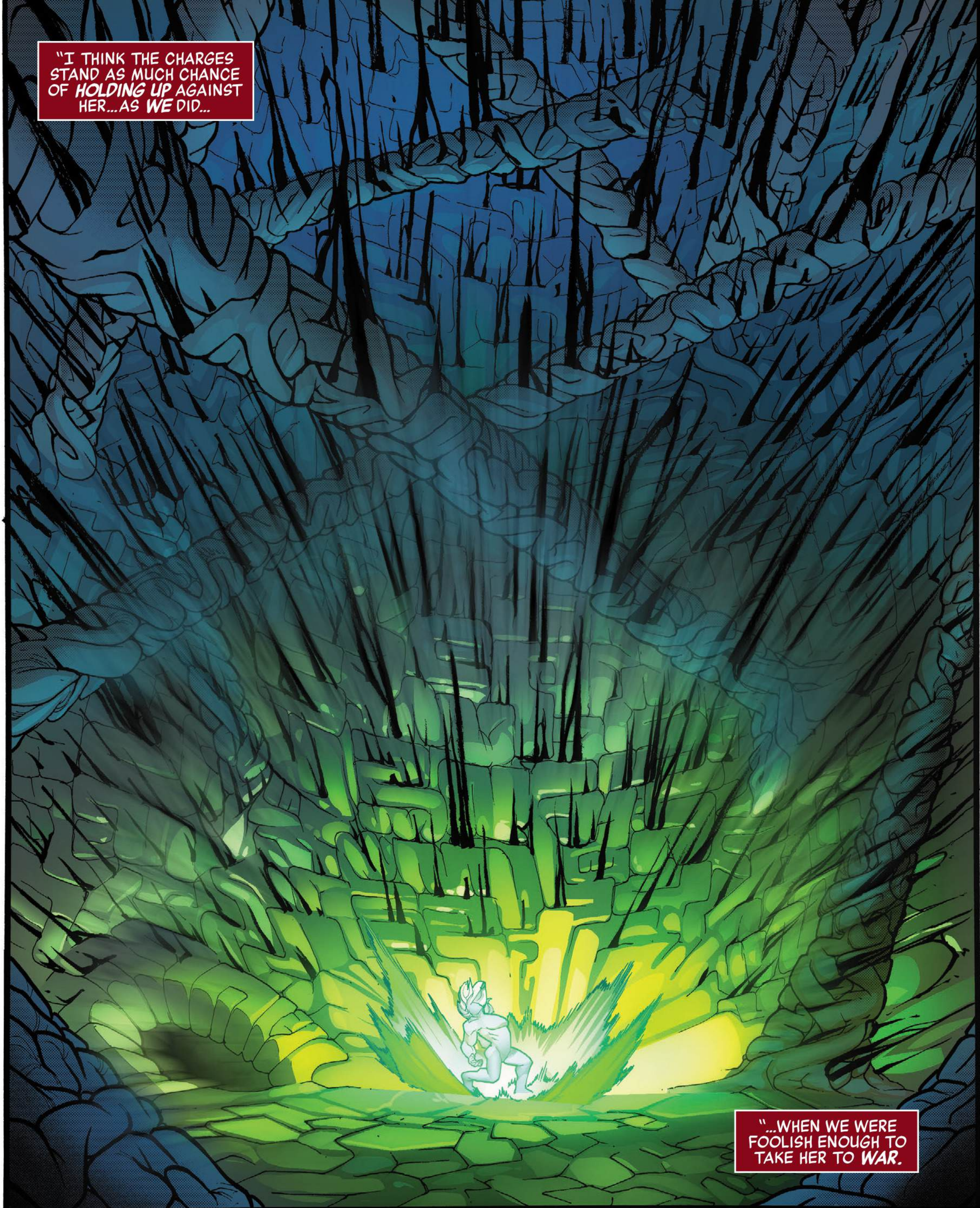


"AND SHE DID IT WITH ALMOST
ALL OF US **HATING** HER AND
ACTIVELY TRYING TO STAND
IN HER WAY.

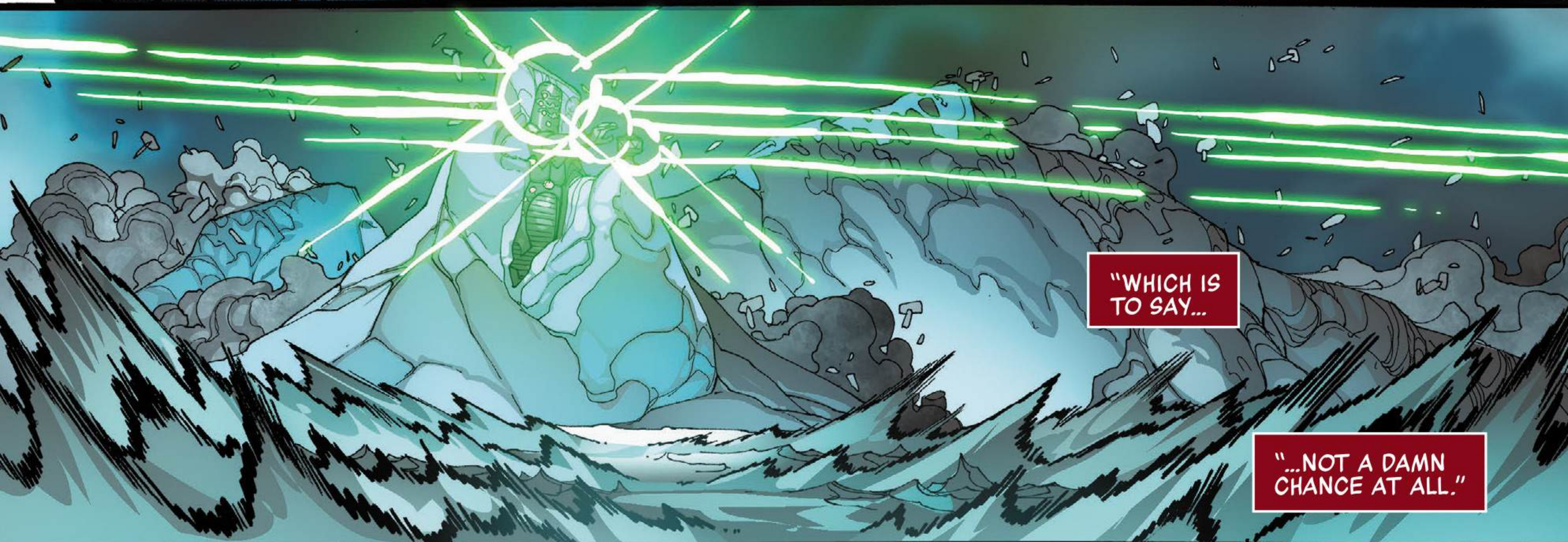
JEN!!!

"YOU ASK ME WHAT I
THINK OF THESE CHARGES
AGAINST THE SHE-HULK?
I WILL TELL YOU.

"I THINK THE CHARGES
STAND AS MUCH CHANCE
OF *HOLDING UP* AGAINST
HER...AS *WE* DID..."



"...WHEN WE WERE
FOOLISH ENOUGH TO
TAKE HER TO *WAR*."



"WHICH IS
TO SAY..."

"...NOT A DAMN
CHANCE AT ALL."

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

DMITRI BUKHARIN.
THE CRIMSON DYNAMO.

I AM A LIVING DISPLAY OF THE *PRICE* OF THAT WAR.

AT THIS POINT, THERE MAY BE MORE OF ME THAT IS BROKEN THAN IN WORKING ORDER.

BUT I DO NOT BLAME SHE-HULK FOR WHAT SHE DID TO ME.

I BLAME THE *RED WIDOW*.

THE WIDOW FORCED THOSE OF US IN THE WINTER GUARD INTO BEING KIDNAPPERS AND ACCESSORIES TO ATTEMPTED MASS MURDER. WHEN WE WERE MEANT TO BE RUSSIA'S DEFENDERS.

TO BE HEROES WHO COULD MAKE OUR PEOPLE FEEL *PRIDE* AGAIN, INSTEAD OF THE SAME FEARS OF OLD.

IT IS THE WIDOW WHO MUST BE BROUGHT TO THIS COURT TO FACE RUSSIAN JUSTICE.

"IF SHE EVER SHOWS HER FACE AGAIN."

MS. JEN?

THE MOUNTAIN IS BACK ONLINE. SHE *BURNED OUT* THE INFECTION.

BUT AT WHAT COST?

JEN!!!

JEN, ARE YOU THERE?!

YEAH, AVENGERS.



YOU
BET I
AM.

"LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN OF
THE COURT..."

"...I BELIEVE THIS
APPEAL HAS CLEARLY
DEMONSTRATED WHAT
I'VE BEEN SAYING
ALL ALONG..."



**ONE
MILLION
B.C.**

YOU
SHOULD HAVE
SURRENDERED!

I WOULD'VE
EUTHANIZED YOUR
WORLD LIKE THE
RICKETED INFANT
IT IS!

NOW, I
PROMISE YOU, THE
LAST THING YOU
EARTH-APES EVER SEE
WILL BE **THANOS**
UNSPPOOLING YOUR
INSIDES!

YOU'RE A
MOUTHY LITTLE
TROLL, AREN'T
YOU?

COME BACK
ANYTIME YOU'RE
IN NEED OF ANOTHER
SPANKING,
BOY.

AGAMOTTO!
HERE HE COMES,
WIZARD!

BY THE
AGELESS VISHANTI
AND THE TWELVE
MYSTIC MOONS OF
MUNNOPOR! OPEN A
PORTAL THROUGH
THE AGES!

I WILL
EVISCERATE
THE EARTH IF IT'S
THE LAST THING
I DO!!!

CHAPTER TWO: THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE PREHISTORIC AVENGERS.

ANOTHER
DAY, ANOTHER
TIME-TRAVELING,
WOULD-BE
CONQUEROR.

THE FUTURE
MUST BE A HELLISH
PLACE OVERRUN BY
BROKEN MEN. *ALL* OF
THE FUTURES.

AYE.

PLEASE
EXCUSE
ODIN.

HE STILL
HAS MUCH TO
LEARN IN THE WAYS
OF PATIENCE
AND HUMILITY.

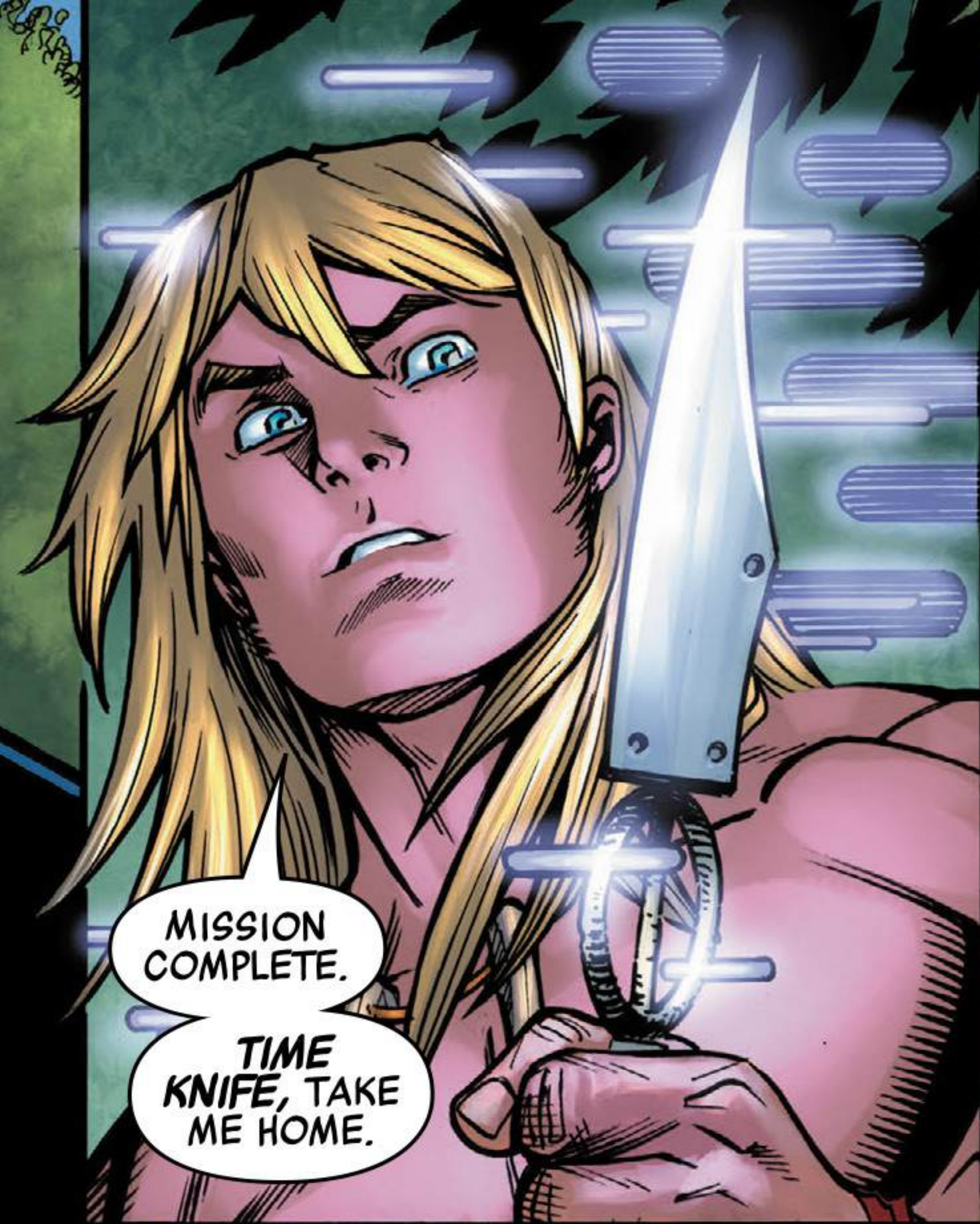
PERHAPS
ANOTHER
CHILD WOULD
HELP.

REGARDLESS,
I HOPE YOU'LL
AGREE, KA-ZAR,
THAT THIS ERA
IS WELL
PROTECTED.

GOOD LUCK
IN DOING THE
SAME FOR YOUR
OWN TIME.

TRULY THIS
IS THE *HEIGHT*
OF HUMAN CIVILIZATION
THAT WE SEE BEFORE US,
GROVELING AND HIDING
IN TREES.

'TIS ALL
DOWNHILL FROM
HERE!



MISSION COMPLETE.

TIME KNIFE, TAKE ME HOME.

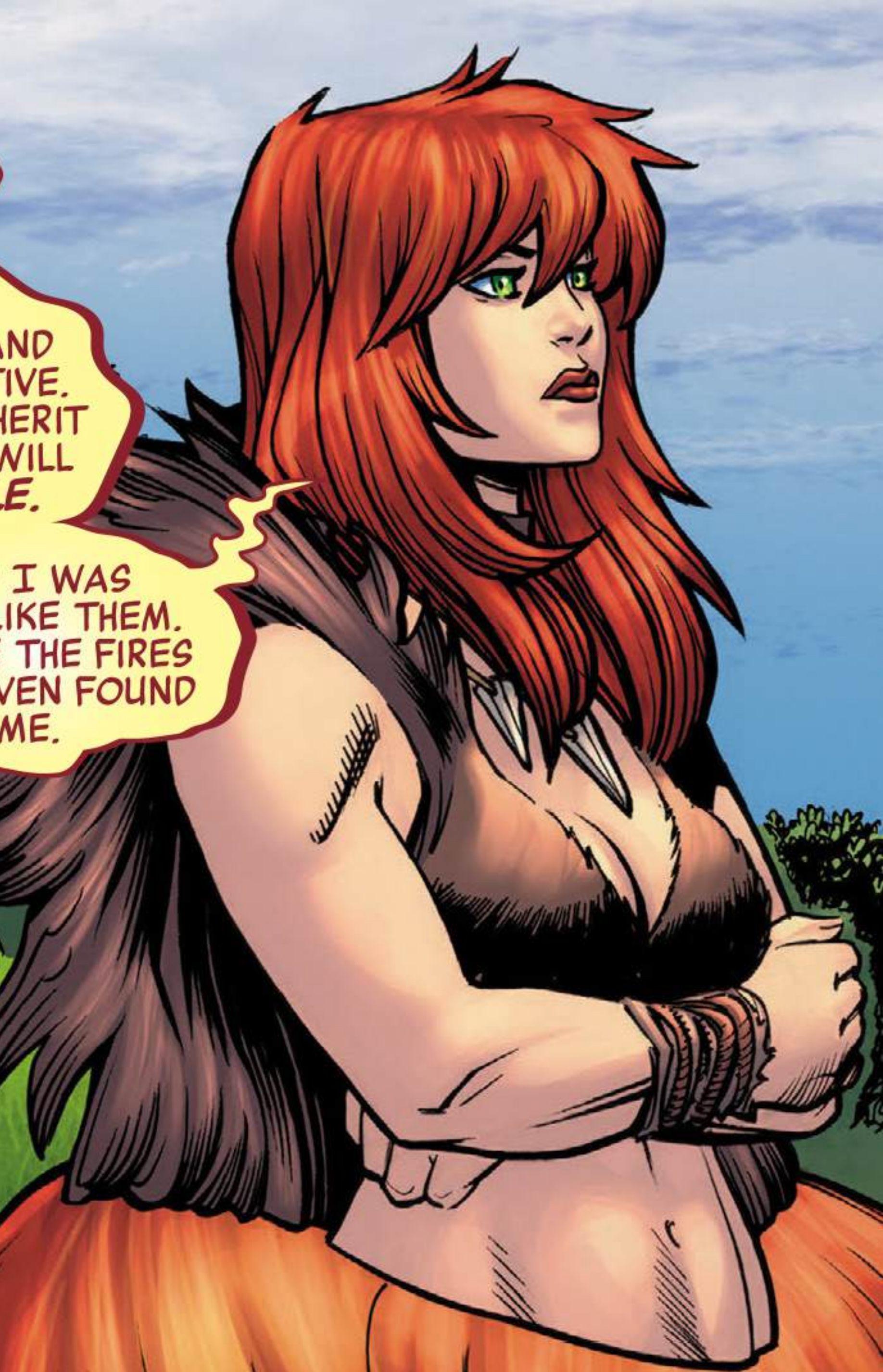


I SEE THE WAY YOU LOOK AT THEM. YOU *PITY* THESE BEASTS OF MIDGARD.

THEY *ARE* BEASTS.

FEARFUL AND RAGEFUL AND SELF-DESTRUCTIVE. DESTINED TO INHERIT A WORLD THEY WILL RUSH TO *DEFILE*.

AND I WAS JUST LIKE THEM. BEFORE THE FIRES OF HEAVEN FOUND ME.



BUT IT'S NOT PITY I FEEL. MORE LIKE *JEALOUSY*, I SUPPOSE.

HA! A COSMIC GODDESS WHO'S JEALOUS OF PIGS WALLOWING IN FILTH?

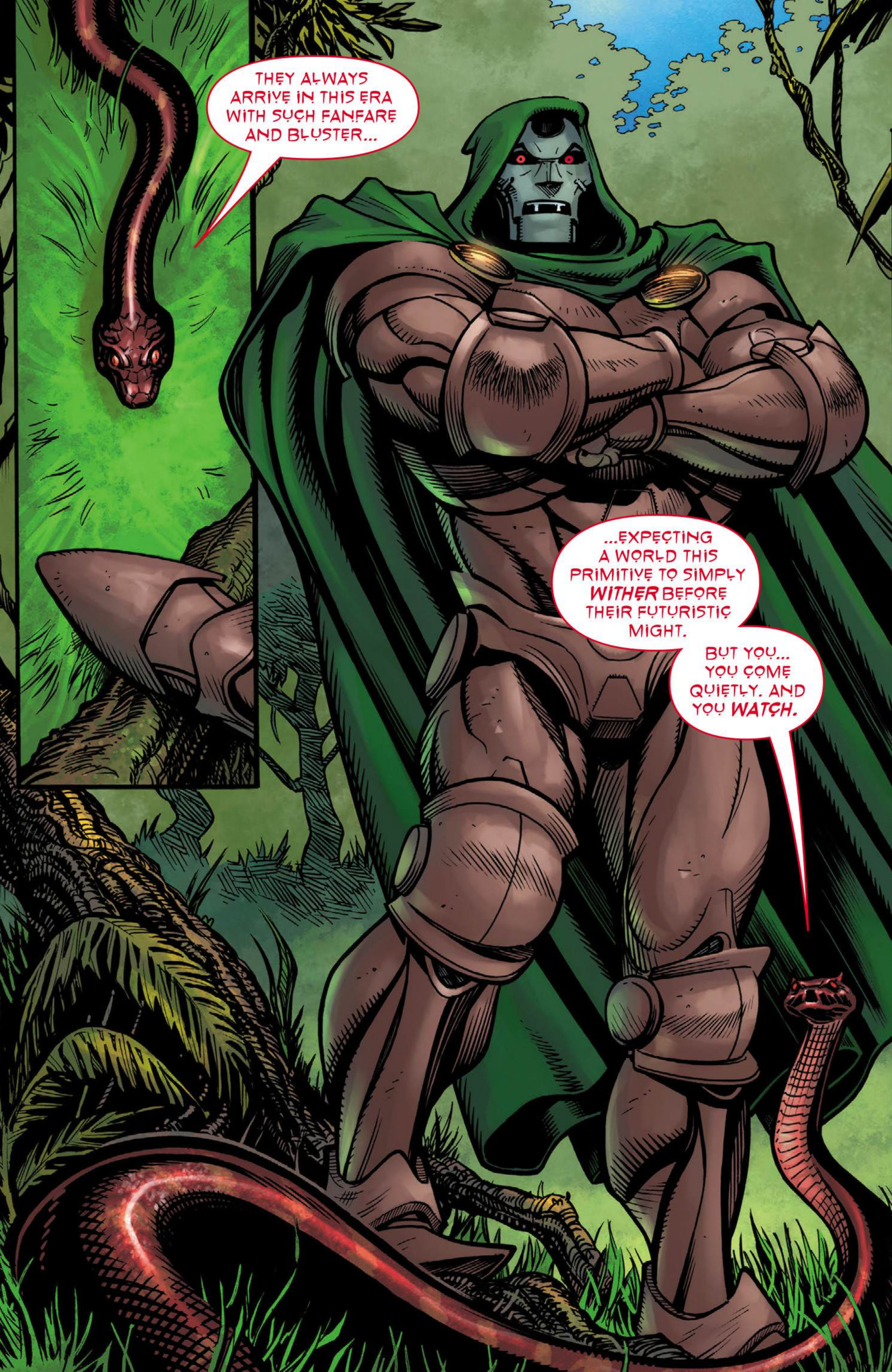
THERE IS BEAUTY IN A *SIMPLE* LIFE, ODIN. SOMETHING THE LIKES OF AN ALL-FATHER AND A FIRECHILDE WILL NEVER HAVE.



AYE.

AND HERE'S TO MANY MORE *EONS* OF THAT.

"YOU...YOU'RE *SMARTER* THAN SOMEONE LIKE YOUNG THANOS OF TITAN. SMARTER THAN ALL THE OTHERS."



THEY ALWAYS
ARRIVE IN THIS ERA
WITH SUCH FANFARE
AND BLUSTER...

...EXPECTING
A WORLD THIS
PRIMITIVE TO SIMPLY
WITHER BEFORE
THEIR FUTURISTIC
MIGHT.

BUT YOU...
YOU COME
QUIETLY. AND
YOU **WATCH**.

THESE
OTHERS YOU
SPEAK OF...

...THEY
WERE NOT
DOOM.

SOME
OF THEM
WERE.

I HAVE SEEN
ALL KINDS COME
AND GO. TRAVELING
HERE FROM MILLIONS OF
FUTURES YET TO BE--BUT
ALL WITH THE SAME
MOTIVATION.

LET ME GUESS...
IN THE ERA YOU
COME FROM, THE
WORLD IS **INFESTED**
WITH ALL MANNER
OF ALMIGHTY
PROTECTORS...

...WHO ARE
CONSTANTLY
INTERFERING WITH
YOUR **GENIUS** PLANS FOR
CONQUEST AND/OR
DESTRUCTION.

SO YOU
THOUGHT YOU'D
COME HERE, TO WHEN
THE WORLD WAS AS
FRESH AND HELPLESS
AS A NEWBORN
BABE.

AND YOU
COULD **CASTRATE**
THE AGE OF HEROES
BEFORE IT EVER
SOWED ITS SEED.

AM I
CLOSE?



YOU ARE CLOSE TO DYING UNDER MY **BOOTHEEL**, DEVIL.

YES, I RECOGNIZE YOU, **MEPHISTO**. YOU LINGER EVEN IN MY ERA, SLOUCHING THROUGH THE SHADOWS LIKE THE MOST PUTRID OF SLUGS.

AH, HOW LOVELY. I'M A **FAN** OF YOURS AS WELL, VICTOR.

I TRIED TO DO IT MYSELF, YOU KNOW. TO DRIVE APART THE SPACE GODS AND MYSTICS AND SUPER-CAVEMEN BEFORE THEY COULD EVER **BAND** TOGETHER.

BUT THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PLANET, MORE THAN ANY OTHER WHOSE SOULS I DRAG SHRIEKING TO HELL...THAT BREEDS...**COSMIC IRRITANTS**.

AND NOW IT HAS BRED A **TEAM** OF SUCH NUISANCES. AND NO FORCE, NO SINGLE FOE, NOT EVEN DOOM, HAS EVER PROVED CAPABLE OF STANDING AGAINST THEM.

I AM NO ORDINARY DOOM.

I AM **DOOM SUPREME**, MASTER OF THE DARKEST ARTS.

I AM THE **DOOM** ABOVE ALL.

WHY, OF COURSE YOU ARE. AND HOW **FINE** YOU LOOK IN YOUR ARMOR OF ENCHANTED **GIRLFRIEND SKIN**.

BUT YOU ARE STILL BUT **ONE** AGAINST--

HHGK!

YOU HAVE A **PROPOSAL**, SNAKE. OUT WITH IT.

IF IT WORKS FOR THEM, WHY NOT FOR **US**?

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL, MY LORD **DOOM**...

...ABOUT FORMING A **TEAM** OF OUR OWN?

ODIN AND HIS
ASSEMBLAGE
OF PREHISTORIC
POWERHOUSES.

THE SPIRIT RIDER.
THE SAMOAN
SHARK RIDER.

THE WILD WEST
OUTLAWS--
RENO PHOENIX
AND THE
STARBRAND KID.

SGT. SZARDOS,
SOLDIER SUPREME,
AND HIS SECRET
INVADERS.

WONG FEI-HUNG,
LEGENDARY MASTER
OF THE DRUNKEN
DRAGON FIST.

THE BLACK KNIGHT,
BLOODY BUTCHER
OF CAMELOT.

MAMADOU FALL,
THE MOST FEARSOME
BLACK PANTHER WHO
EVER LIVED.

MUSASHI
MIYAMOTO,
THE SAMURAI OF
VENGEANCE.

HEROES LONG
FORGOTTEN OR
NEVER KNOWN
TO BEGIN WITH.

LOST TO THE
SHADOWS OF
TIME.

BUT I SAW
THEM ALL.



AND AS I SWIM
BACK THROUGH THE
TIMEFLOW, I CAN'T
HELP BUT MARVEL....

...AT AN AGE OF
HEROES A *MILLION*
YEARS OLD AND
COUNTING.

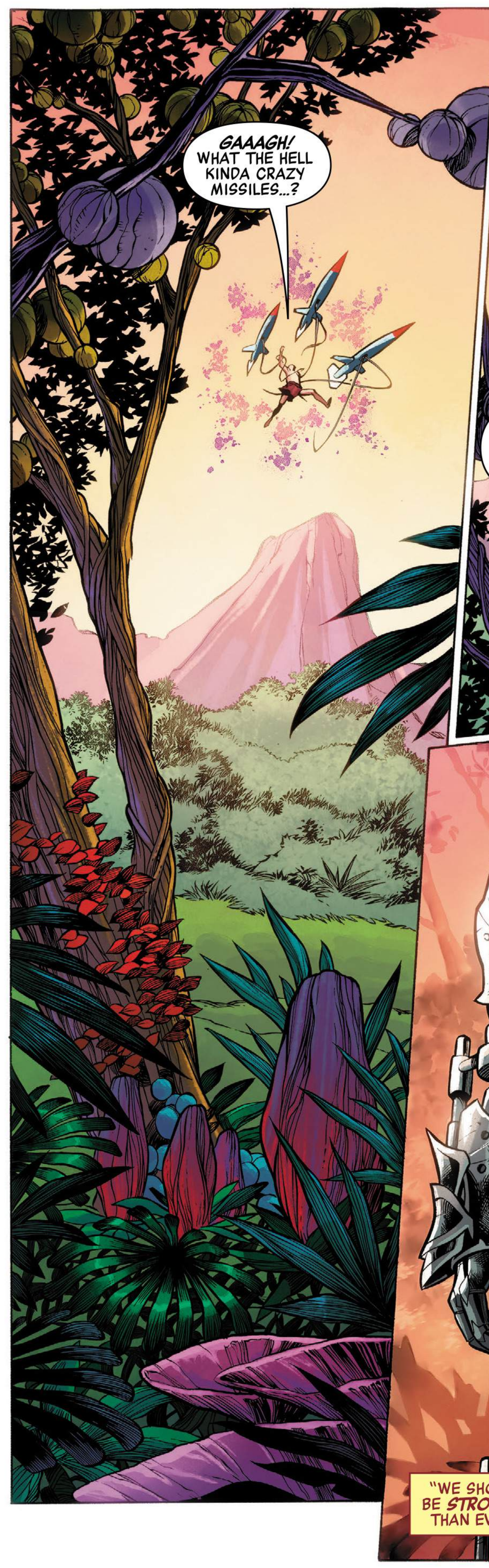
THOUGH I SUPPOSE...
THERE IS A *FLIP SIDE*
TO THAT.

WARNING:
TIME-SEEKING
MISSILES
INCOMING.

WHAT
THE HELL?

THERE'S A
DAMN GOOD
REASON WE
NEED SO MANY
HEROES.

CHAPTER THREE: THE LORD OF THE SAVAGE LAND, LOST IN TIME.



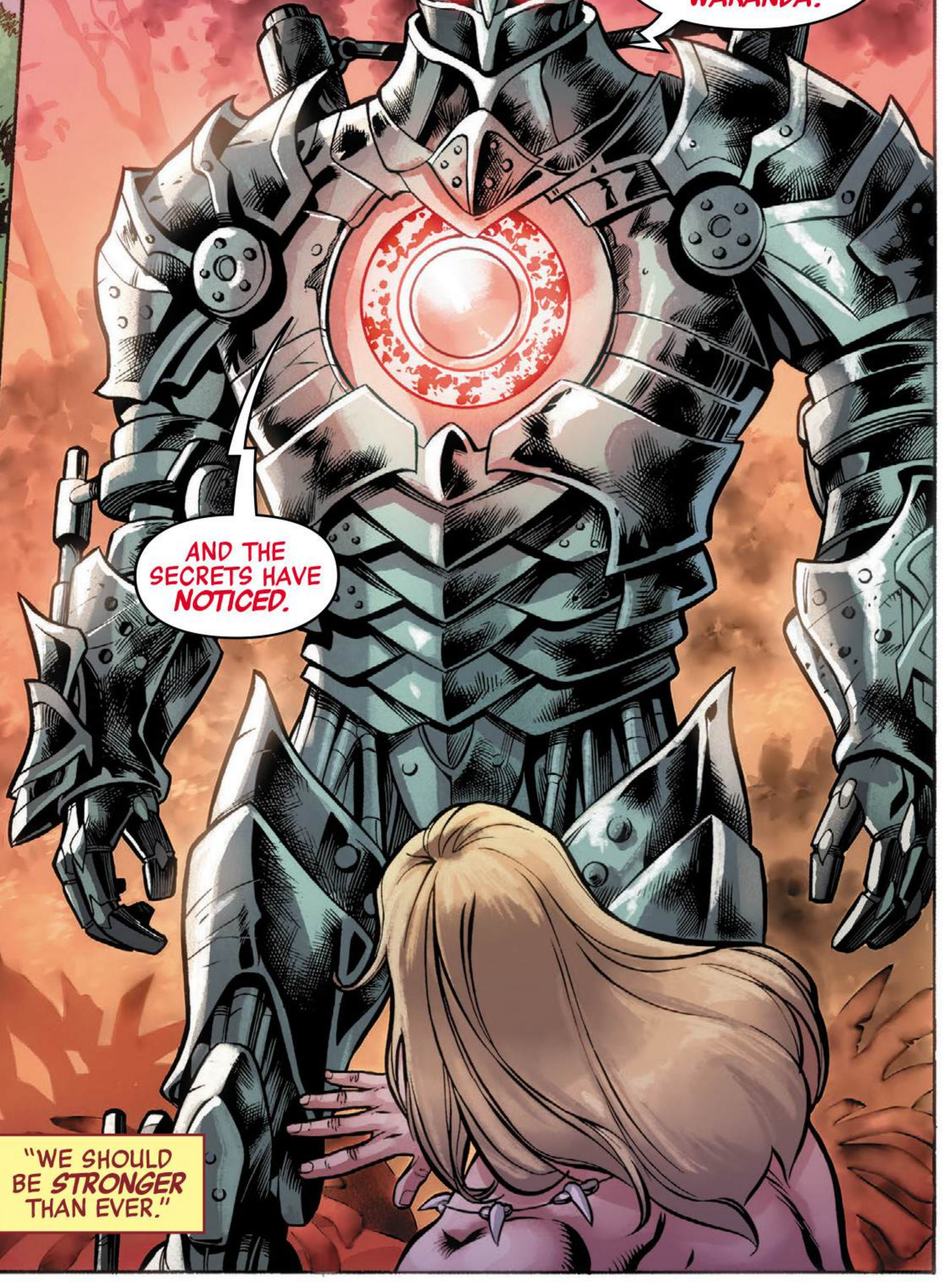
GAAAGH!
WHAT THE HELL
KINDA CRAZY
MISSILES...?



THE KIND
DESIGNED TO
BRING YOU TO
ME, LORD
PLUNDER.



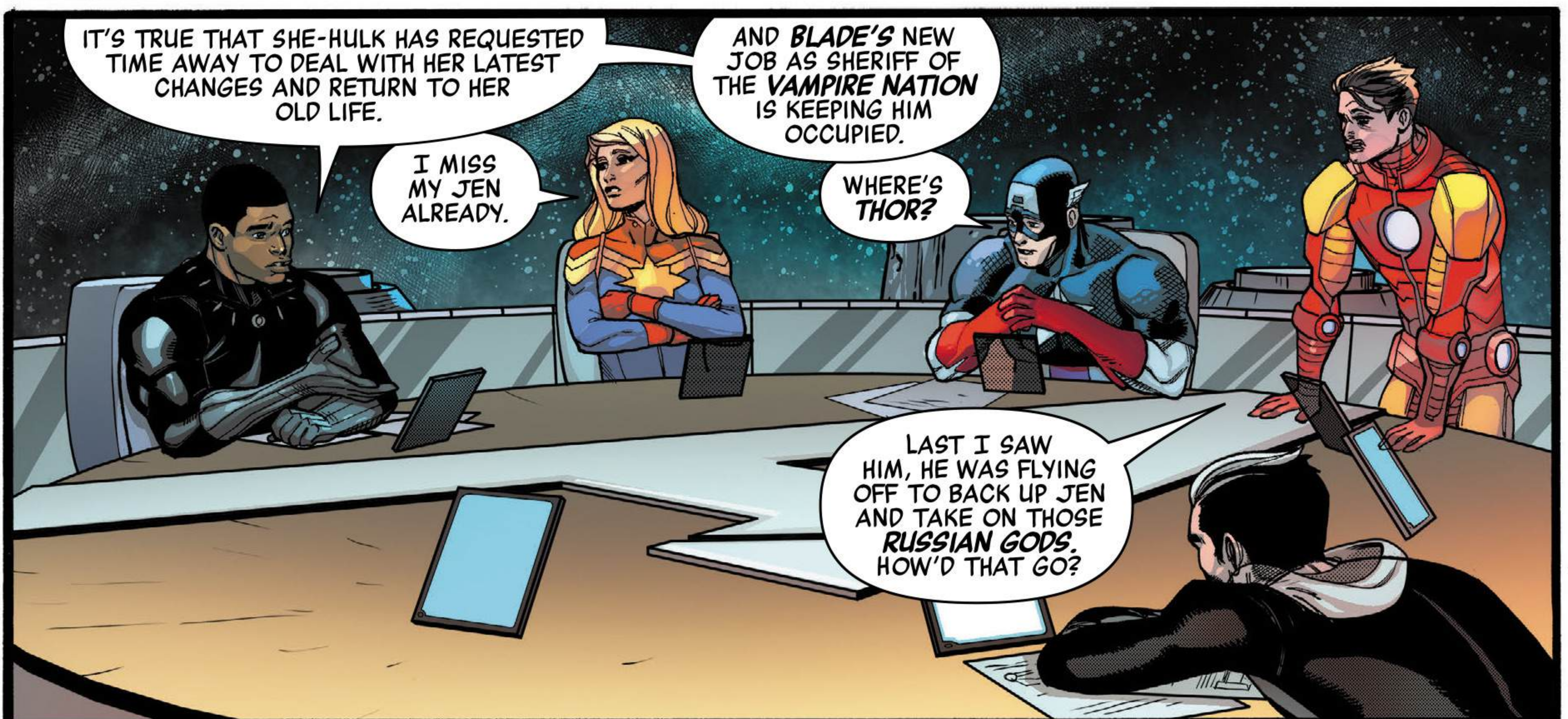
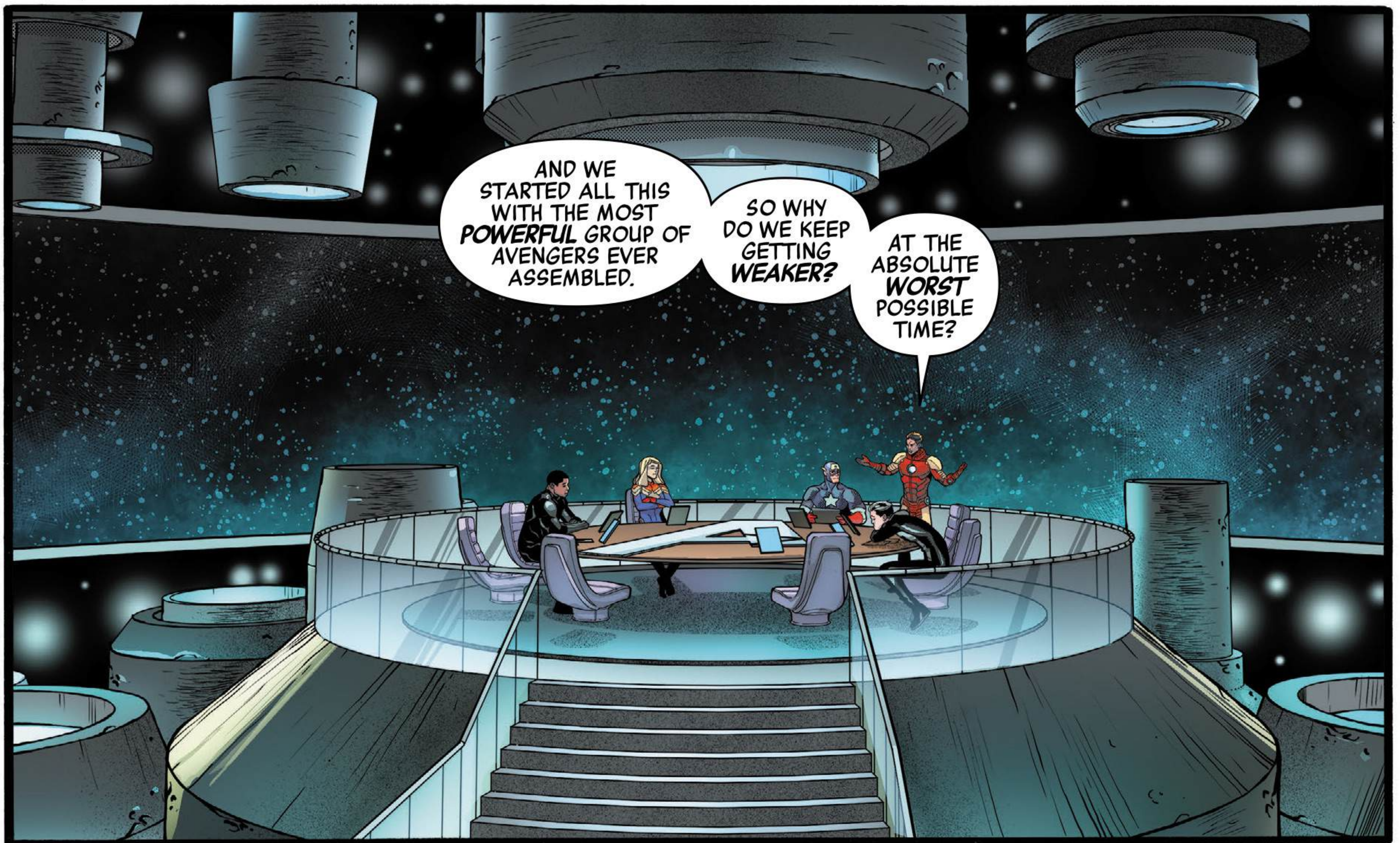
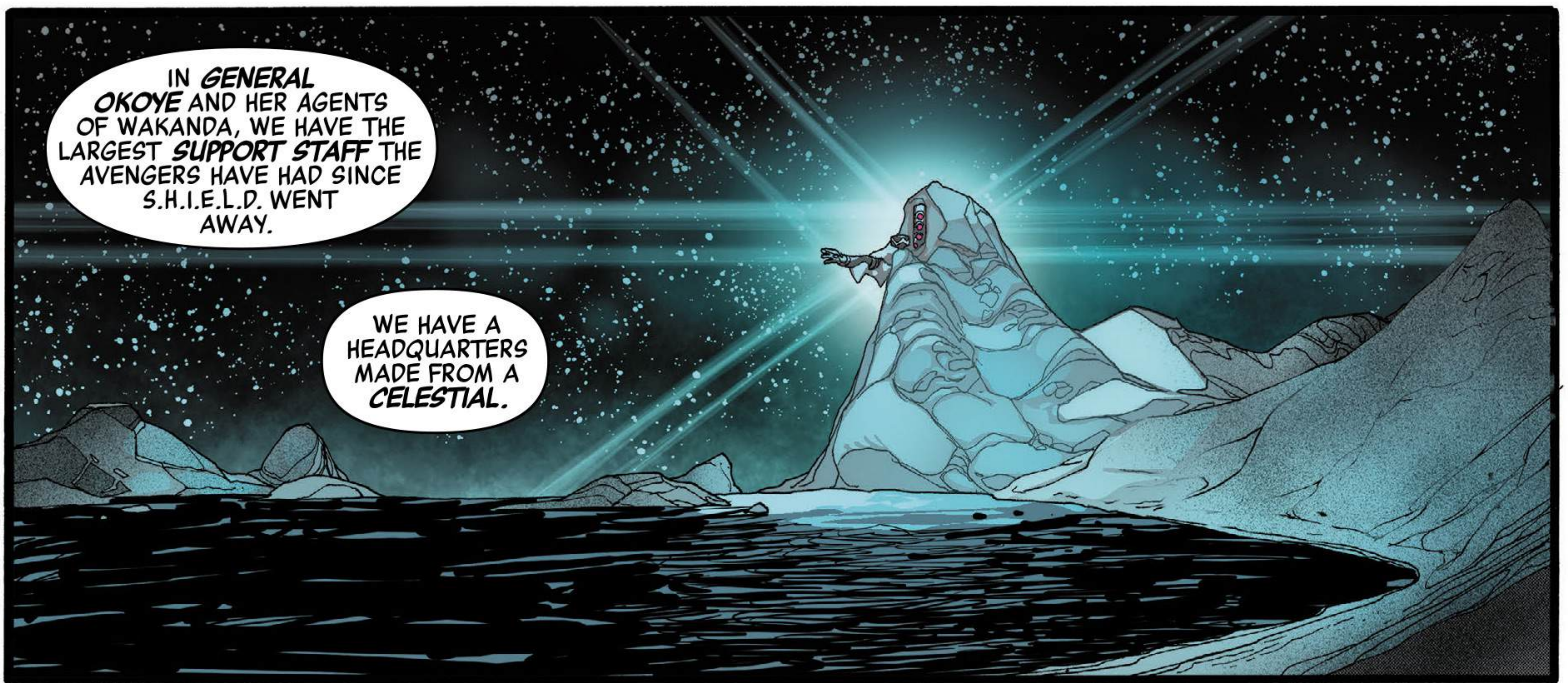
NO--THEY
FRIED MY
TIME-KNIFE.



YOU'VE BEEN
PROWLING
THROUGH HISTORY'S
DARK SECRETS,
LITTLE AGENT OF
WAKANDA.

AND THE
SECRETS HAVE
NOTICED.

"WE SHOULD
BE **STRONGER**
THAN EVER."





PERUN AND CHERNOBOG ARE CURRENTLY IN INTENSIVE CARE AT A WAKANDAN PRISON HOSPITAL.

ALONG WITH OUR FORMER HEAD OF SECURITY, **GORILLA-MAN**. THAT'S ANOTHER PERSON WE'RE DOWN.

SOON AS THAT BACKSTABBING GORILLA IS OUTTA THE HOSPITAL, I'M GONNA PUT HIM RIGHT BACK IN IT.



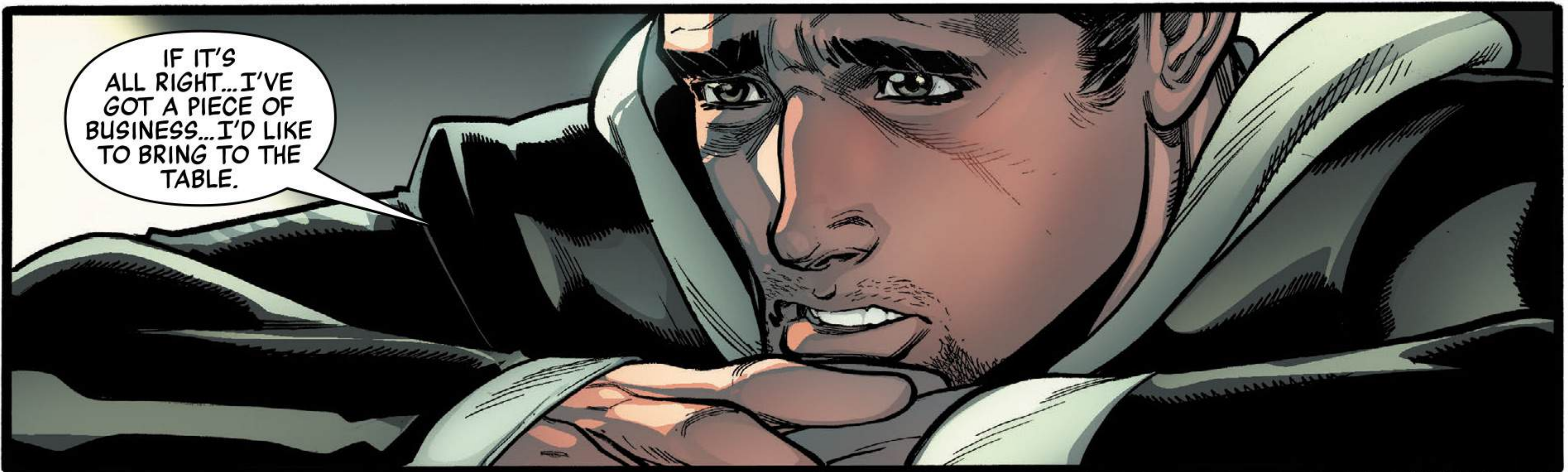
SO WHAT IS IT WITH THOR LATELY? HE'S BEEN EVEN BROODIER THAN USUAL, RIGHT? MORE HAMMER PROBLEMS?

WORSE. FAMILY PROBLEMS.

LET ME TRY TO TALK TO HIM.

MAN, I HATE GOING TO ASGARD. EVEN THE AIR TASTES LIKE BEER.





CHAPTER FOUR: THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ROBBIE REYES.



YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT, ROBBIE?

YEAH, NO OFFENSE, KID, BUT YOU LOOK LIKE YOU GOT RUN OVER BY YOUR OWN HELL CHARGER.

YEAH.

"I HAVEN'T SLEPT SO GREAT LATELY."

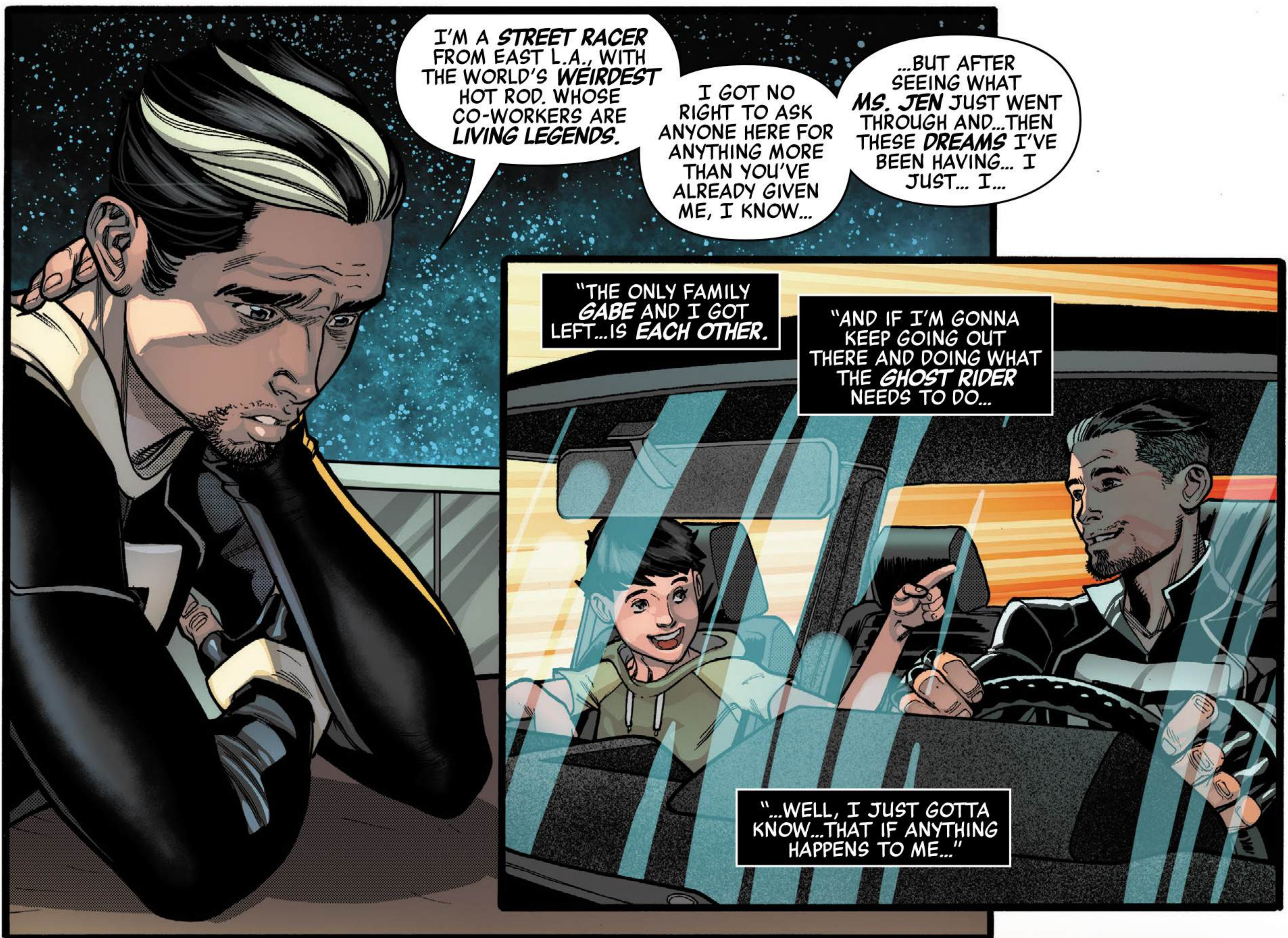


THIS JOB CAN TAKE A TOLL, ROBERTO. WE HAVE **COUNSELORS** AVAILABLE IF YOU'D LIKE TO TALK WITH SOMEONE.

THAT'S PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA, MR. T'CHALLA. BUT MOSTLY, I NEED TO TALK TO **YOU GUYS**.

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS...

...WHEN I DIE.



I'M A **STREET RACER** FROM EAST L.A., WITH THE WORLD'S **WEIRDEST** HOT ROD. WHOSE CO-WORKERS ARE **LIVING LEGENDS**.

I GOT NO RIGHT TO ASK ANYONE HERE FOR ANYTHING MORE THAN YOU'VE ALREADY GIVEN ME, I KNOW...

...BUT AFTER SEEING WHAT **MS. JEN** JUST WENT THROUGH AND...THEN THESE **DREAMS** I'VE BEEN HAVING... I JUST... I...

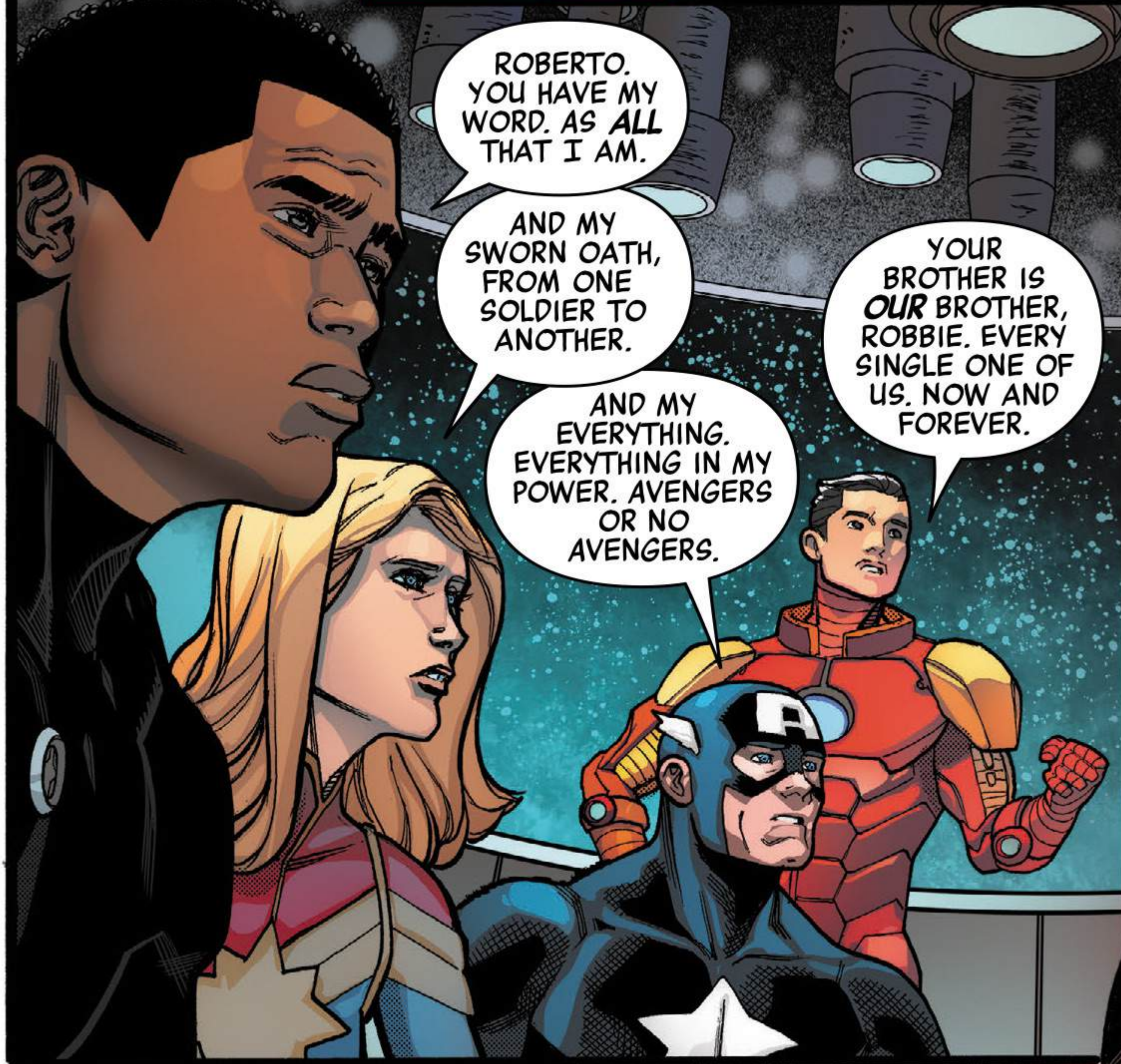
"THE ONLY FAMILY **GABE** AND I GOT LEFT...IS **EACH OTHER**."

"AND IF I'M GONNA KEEP GOING OUT THERE AND DOING WHAT THE **GHOST RIDER** NEEDS TO DO..."

"...WELL, I JUST GOTTA KNOW...THAT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME..."



...THE **AVENGERS** WILL TAKE CARE OF MY **BROTHER**.



ROBERTO. YOU HAVE MY WORD. AS **ALL** THAT I AM.

AND MY SWORN OATH, FROM ONE SOLDIER TO ANOTHER.

AND MY EVERYTHING. EVERYTHING IN MY POWER. **AVENGERS** OR NO **AVENGERS**.

YOUR BROTHER IS **OUR** BROTHER, **ROBBIE**. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US. NOW AND FOREVER.



COOL.
THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

I'M GONNA... CATCH **FIRE** FOR A BIT, TO BURN OFF THE TEARS.

YOU GUYS CAN GO BACK TO ARGUING NOW.

WE WERE TALKING ABOUT **NEW MEMBERS**, RIGHT?

ATLANTIS.

MY PEOPLE
HAVE **ABANDONED**
THE CITY.

THEY'VE
ABANDONED
THEIR **KING**.

THE KING
WHO FAILED
THEM IN EVERY
WAY.

THE PEOPLE
OF THE SEA...HAVE
RETURNED TO THE SEA.
TO LIVE AMONG THE
WILD WAVES. TO THE
ANCIENT TRADITION
OF SWIMMING
FREE.

AND I
LET THEM
GO WITHOUT
SAYING A
WORD.

WELL,
CONGRATULATIONS,
YOUR HIGHNESS. THAT'S
THE FIRST RIGHT MOVE
YOU'VE MADE IN
AGES.

I DON'T
IMAGINE YOU
ASKED ME
DOWN HERE TO
MOLLYCODDLE
YOU THOUGH, SO
I WON'T.

YOU'VE
BEEN A PRETTY
TERRIBLE KING
LATELY, NAMOR.
EVEN BY YOUR OWN
SUPER-LOW
STANDARDS.

YOU'VE
MADE A **WRECK**
OF ATLANTIS.

BUT THAT'S
NOTHING COMPARED
TO THE WRECK
YOU'VE MADE OF
YOURSELF.

I'VE BEEN ASKING
MYSELF...**WHY?**

AFTER
EVERYTHING
I'D DONE TO
YOU, SHE-HULK,
TO THE
AVENGERS, TO
THE SURFACE
WORLD...

...WHY
WOULD YOU
SAVE US?

AND DID
YOU COME
UP WITH AN
ANSWER
YET?

THE ONLY
ANSWER CAME
WHEN I REALIZED
WITH **HORROR**...



...THAT I WAS EVEN ASKING THE QUESTION TO BEGIN WITH.

I BROUGHT YOU HERE, JENNIFER WALTERS, TO **THANK YOU** FOR BEING WHAT I HAVE **FAILED** TO BE.

A WARRIOR WITH **HONOR**.

AND TO SWEAR BEFORE THE SEVEN SEAS THAT IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO TO REPAY THIS DEBT TO YOU...

...EVEN THOUGH I AM NOW A KING WITHOUT A KINGDOM...

...I PROMISE YOU, BUT **SPEAK IT**...AND NAMOR OF ATLANTIS SHALL MAKE IT SO.

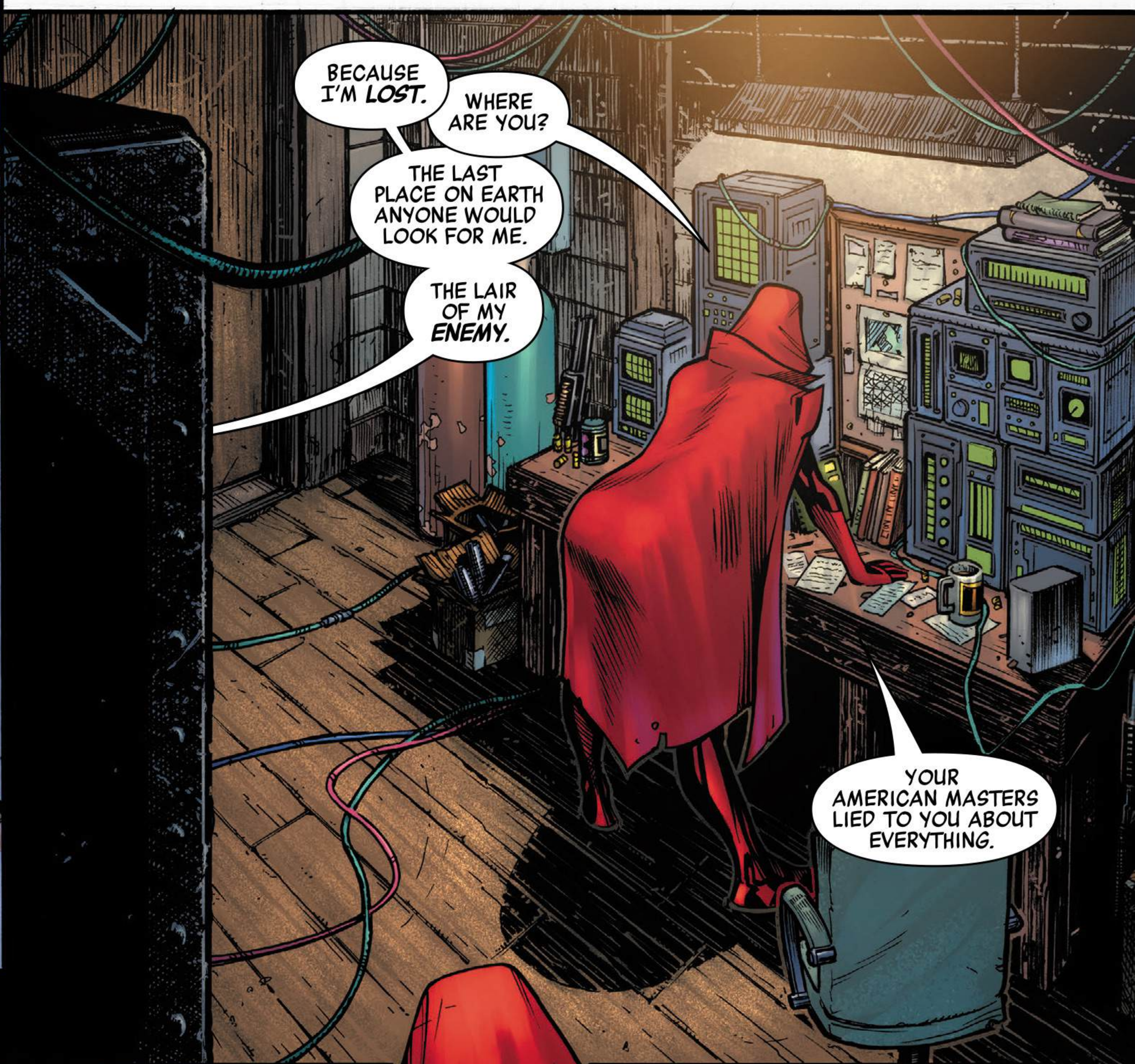
ANYTHING, HUH?

CHAPTER FIVE: NEW RECRUITS.



WHY ARE YOU HERE?

WESTERN RUSSIA.
THE URAL MOUNTAINS.



BECAUSE I'M *LOST*.

WHERE ARE YOU?

THE LAST PLACE ON EARTH ANYONE WOULD LOOK FOR ME.

THE LAIR OF MY *ENEMY*.

YOUR AMERICAN MASTERS LIED TO YOU ABOUT EVERYTHING.



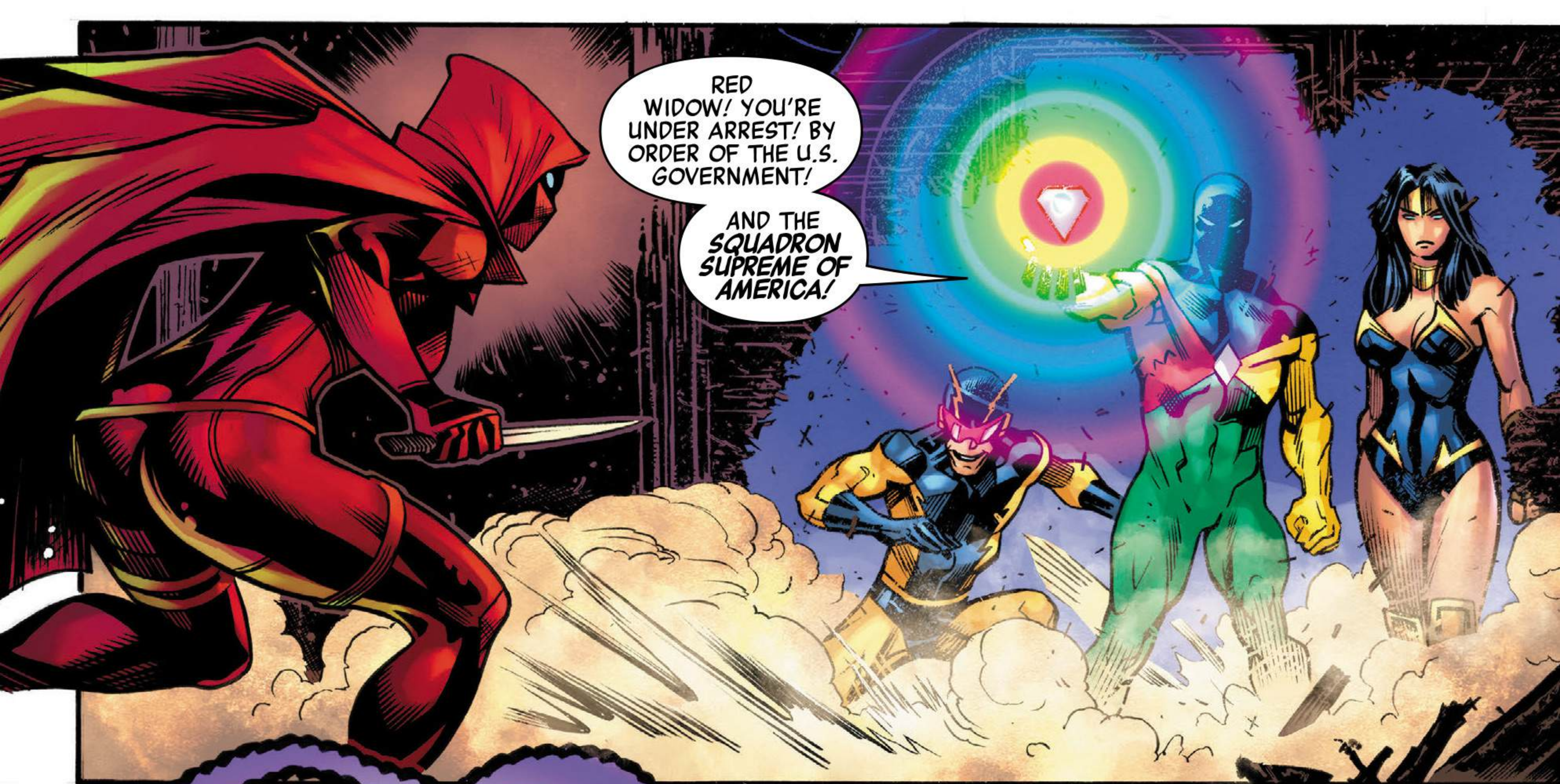
THE *RED WIDOW* IS NOT YOUR ENEMY. AND THIS...IS THE LAND WHERE YOU WILL *BE REBORN*.

WHO ARE YOU?

I'VE ALREADY BEEN REBORN SO MANY TIMES...I DON'T THINK I KNOW ANYMORE.

GOOD.

WHY ARE YOU HERE?



RED
WIDOW! YOU'RE
UNDER ARREST! BY
ORDER OF THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT!

AND THE
**SQUADRON
SUPREME OF
AMERICA!**

WE KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE TRYING
TO DO, WITH YOUR
COMMIE, **RED ROOM**
BRAINWASHING
TACTICS.

AND WE'RE
HERE TO PUT A
STOP TO--

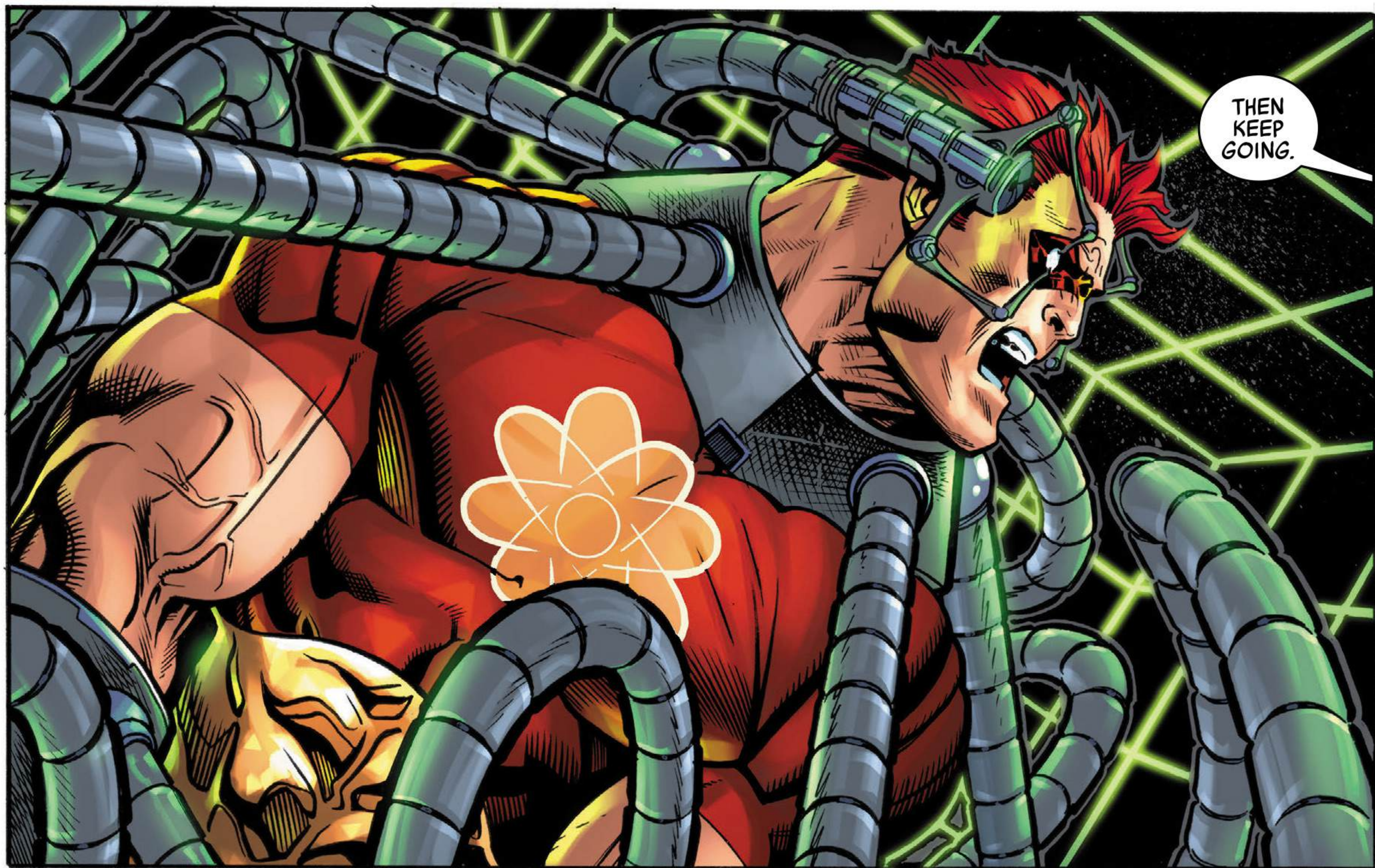


GGHGK!



HE
NEVER
SHUTS
UP.

BUT
**DOCTOR
SPECTRUM**
DOESN'T SPEAK
FOR ALL OF US.



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JANE
FOSTER. PAGING
DR. JANE FOSTER
TO THE MORGUE.

WHAT
HAVE WE GOT,
RUDY?

PARAMEDICS
JUST BROUGHT HIM
IN. FOUND HIM DEAD IN
FRONT OF THE OLD
AVENGERS MANSION
ON FIFTH AVE.

I STARTED
THE **AUTOPSY**.
THEN THOUGHT
I MIGHT NEED
YOUR HELP.

WHOA.

WELL,
NOT **YOUR**
HELP. I MEAN
THE **OTHER**
YOU.

THE ONE
WITH THE MAGIC
WEAPON AND
SASSY, **FLYING**
HORSE.

RUDY, WHAT
AM I LOOKING
AT HERE?

SOME
DEAD GUY,
JANE.



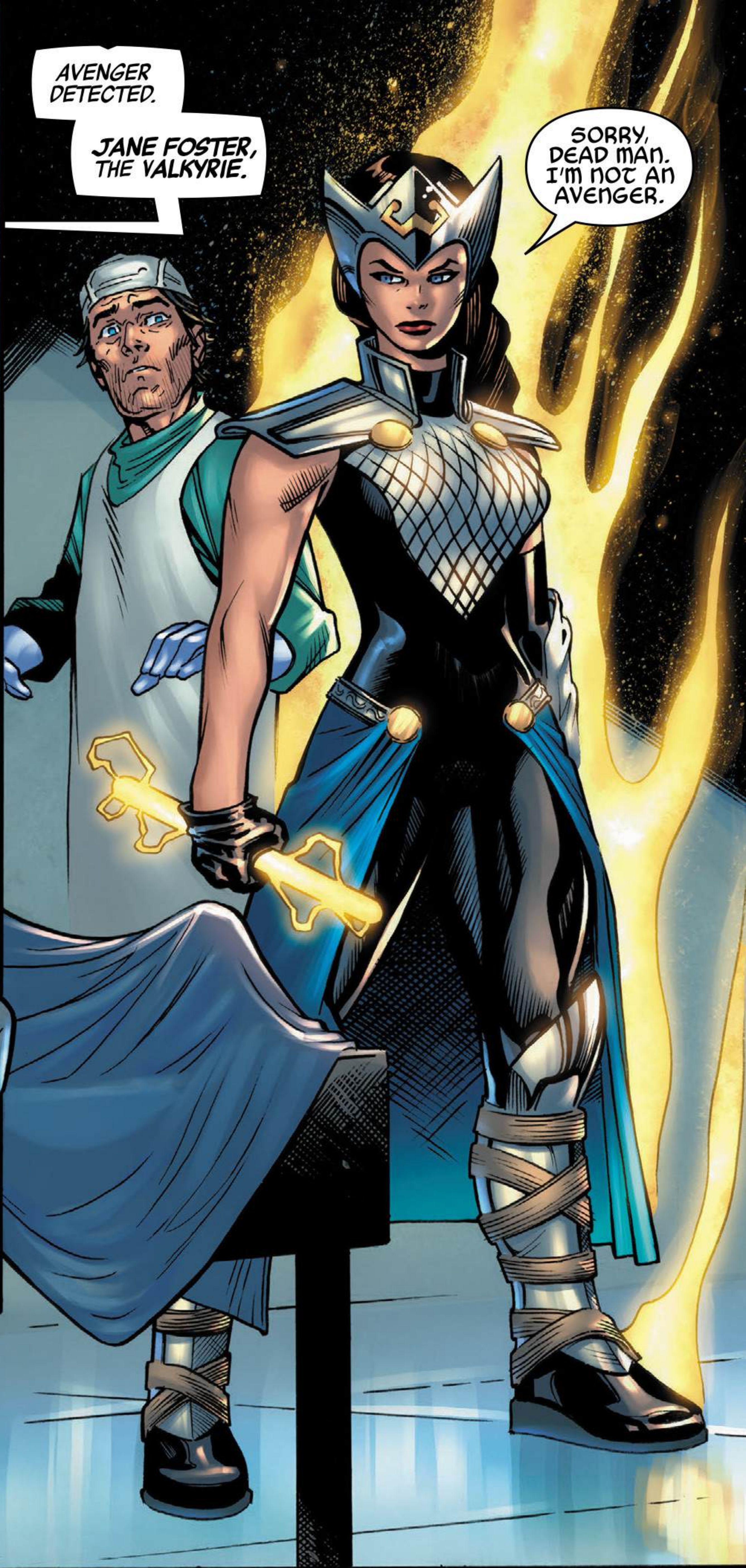
WHO
WON'T SHUT
UP.

I...AM A
DEATHLOK.

AN INTERUNIVERSAL
AGENT OF AVENGER
PRIME. I HAVE
CROSSED A MILLION
FIRMAMENTS TO
BRING THIS EARTH A
WARNING.

OF MULTIVERSAL
MASSACRE. OF THE
INFINITY REQUIEM.

SCANNING FOR
AVENGERS.

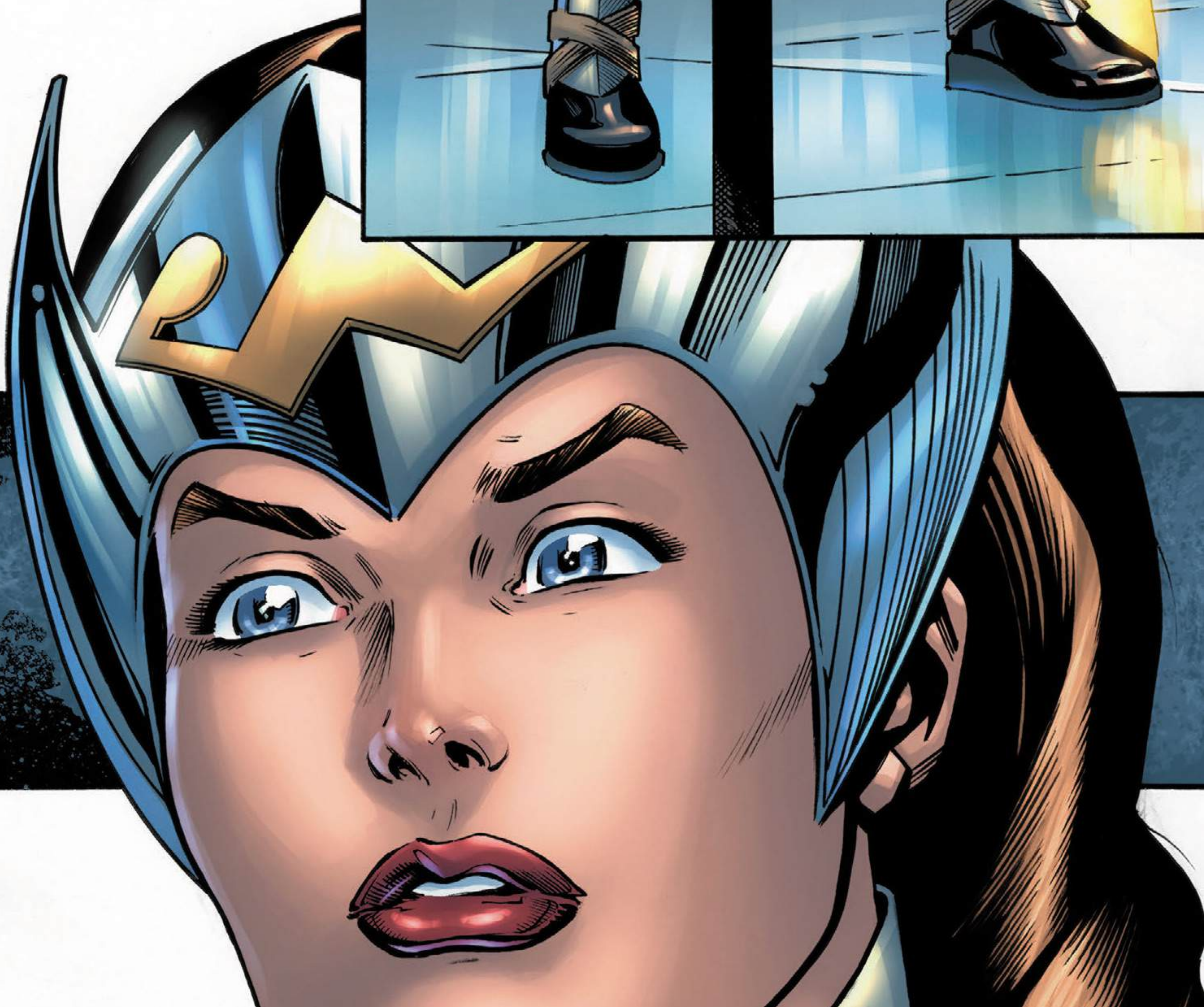


AVENGER
DETECTED.

JANE FOSTER,
THE VALKYRIE.

SORRY,
DEAD MAN.
I'M NOT AN
AVENGER.

NOT
YET.



WAKANDAN NATURE PRESERVE AND WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER.

SHE-HULK
CAME BY TO SEE
ME TODAY.

TO THANK
ME FOR HELPING
HER IN ATLANTIS.

BUT I
WAS THE ONE
WHO OWED HER
THANKS.

THINK I WAS
ABLE TO GET THAT
OUT. THOUGH MOSTLY
I WAS JUST
BLUBBERING LIKE
A BABY.

AND NOT
EVEN 'CAUSE I
WAS **DRUNK**.

HAVEN'T HAD
SO MUCH AS A **SIP**
OF THE STUFF SINCE
THE AVENGERS
BROUGHT ME
HERE.

BEING SOBER
FOR THE FIRST
TIME SINCE...HELL,
I DON'T KNOW...THE
EISENHOWER
ADMINISTRATION?

WELL, IT
HELPS PUT THINGS
IN **PERSPECTIVE**. AND
IT TURNS OUT OL'
GORILLA-MAN'S
PERSPECTIVE IS...

...THAT NOBODY
WHO LIVES AS
LONG AS I HAVE
IS EVER JUST...
ONE THING.

YOU HANG
AROUND LONG
ENOUGH, YOU TEND
TO PLAY ALL THE
ROLES, YOU
KNOW?

THE GOOD,
THE BAD AND
THE BEST LEFT
FORGOTTEN.

OUTTA
CIRCUMSTANCE.
OUTTA BOREDOM.
HELL, OUTTA
SOMETIMES JUST
BEING AN
@#%&#&@.

WHICH I
SUPPOSE IS A WAY
OF SAYING THAT LIVING
FOREVER MEANS YOU
ALWAYS GET ANOTHER
CHANCE TO DECIDE FOR
YOURSELF...**WHO** YOU
WANNA BE.

AND I'VE
DECIDED.



I'VE DECIDED
TO BE A GUY
WHO WANTS TO
LIVE.

THAT'S...
THAT'S PRETTY
MUCH ALL I'VE
GOT SO FAR.

NOT
MUCH, I
KNOW.

BUT IT'S
ENOUGH TO GET
ME OUTTA *BED* EACH
MORNING. AND KEEP
ME *WORKING* TO
FIGURE OUT THE
REST.



YOU FEEL
LIKE WAKING UP
AND JOINING ME,
URSA MAJOR...

...IN THIS
WHOLE...*LIVING*
THING...

...WELL, I'LL
BE HERE WAITING
FOR YOU, BUDDY.

WHENEVER
YOU'RE READY.

SOMEWHERE IN TIME.

RELAX,
KA-ZAR. I'M
NOT HERE TO DO
ANYTHING AS
PEDESTRIAN AS
MURDER YOU.

AND THAT'S
JUST THE SORT OF
TROUBLE MY **MASTER**
USES ME TO HELP
HIM AVOID.

UUUGH!

HRGHK.
WELL, THAT'S
A RELIEF.

ONE TIME-
TRAVELER KILLING
ANOTHER OUTSIDE OF
THEIR NATIVE ERAS
CREATES THE SORT OF
CHRONAL SHRAPNEL THAT
DRAWS THE ATTENTION
OF THOSE DAMNED
DEATHLOKS.

THAT'S WHY
I'VE BROUGHT YOU
HERE. TO A WORLD
THAT WILL SOON BE
FORGOTTEN, YEARS
BEFORE YOU WERE
EVEN BORN.

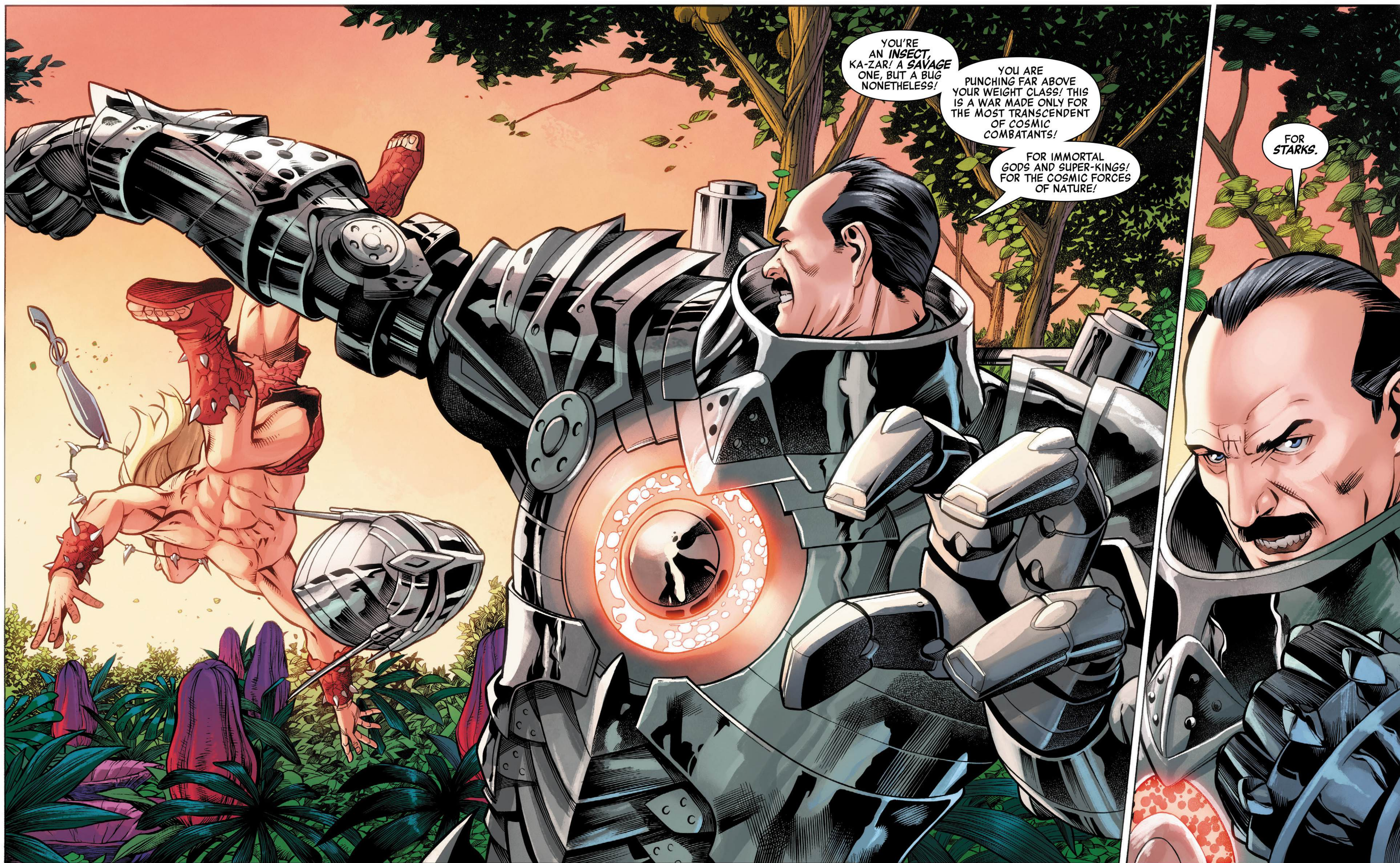
WHERE
THE JOB OF
KILLING YOU
WILL BE DONE
FOR ME.

OH, DON'T
BOTHR WITH YOUR
TIME KNIFE. I MADE
SURE TO DISABLE
ITS CELESTIAL
CIRCUITRY.

IT'S A
KNIFE.

GAAGH!!!

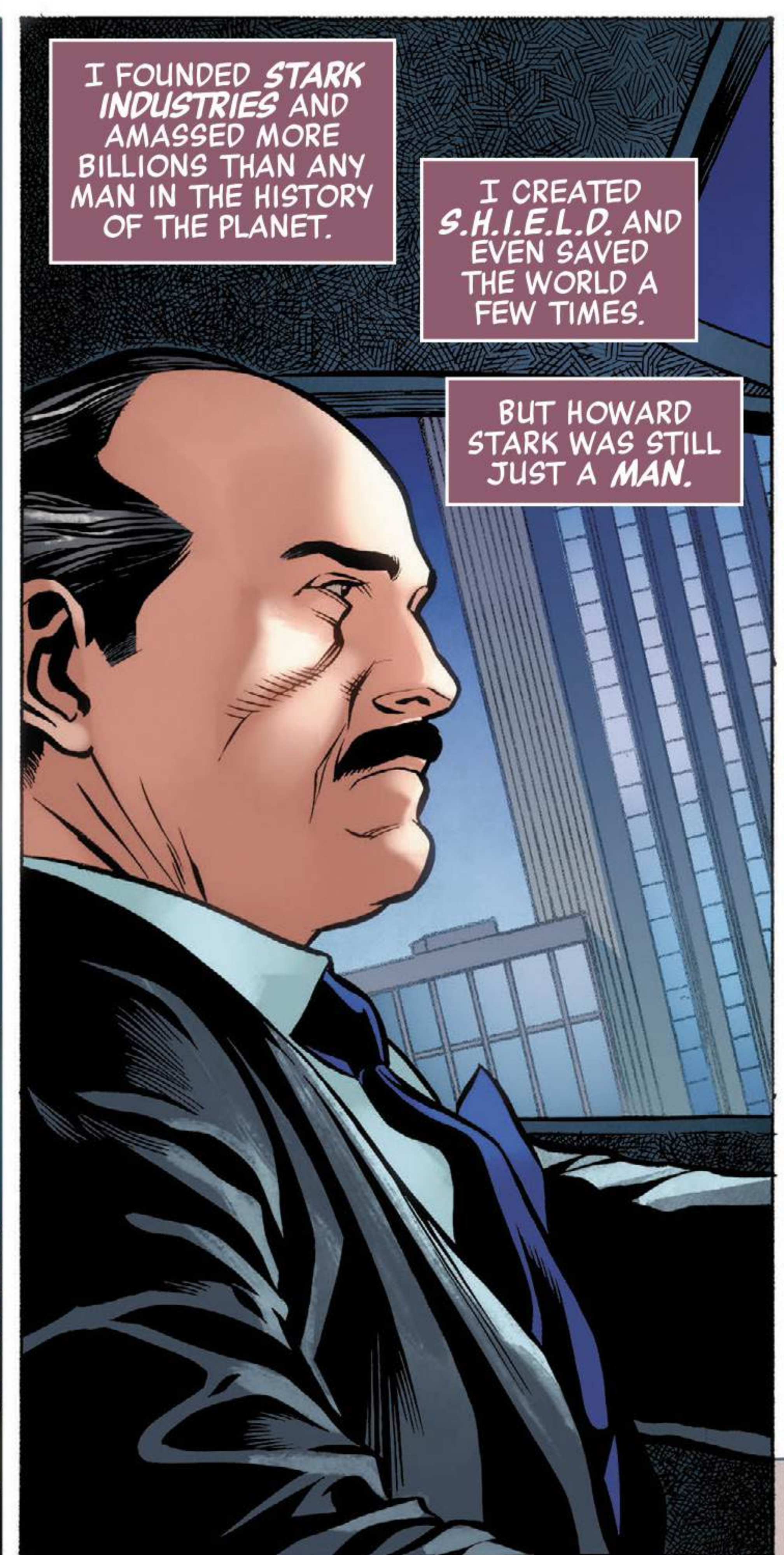
IT
HAS OTHER
USES!



CHAPTER SIX: THE DEVIL AND HOWARD STARK.



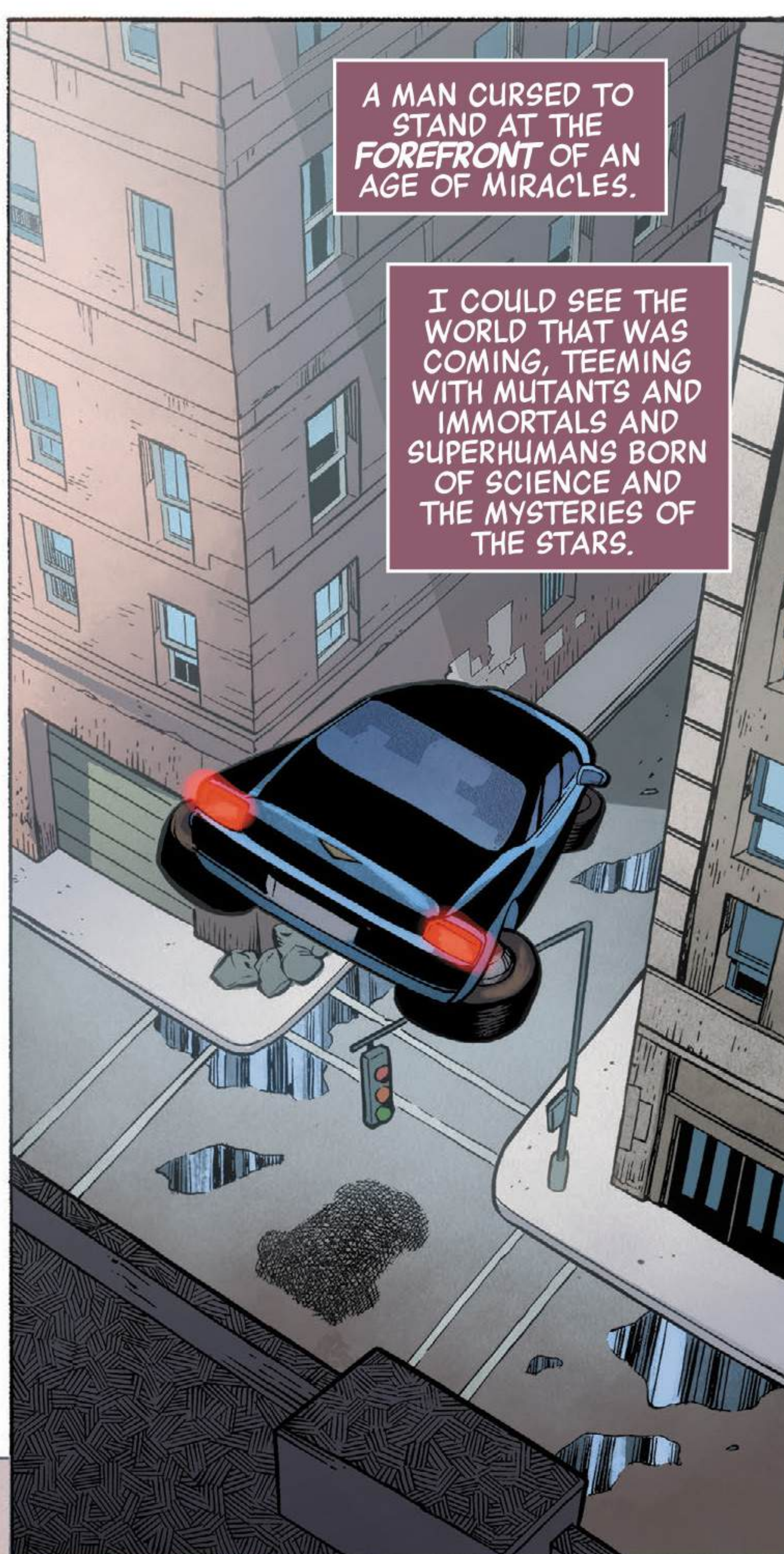
THE PROBLEM WITH ENVISIONING THE FUTURE...IS THAT YOU NEVER GET TO LIVE TO SEE IT ALL.



I FOUNDED *STARK INDUSTRIES* AND AMASSED MORE BILLIONS THAN ANY MAN IN THE HISTORY OF THE PLANET.

I CREATED *S.H.I.E.L.D.* AND EVEN SAVED THE WORLD A FEW TIMES.

BUT HOWARD STARK WAS STILL JUST A MAN.



A MAN CURSED TO STAND AT THE *FOREFRONT* OF AN AGE OF MIRACLES.

I COULD SEE THE WORLD THAT WAS COMING, TEEMING WITH MUTANTS AND IMMORTALS AND SUPERHUMANS BORN OF SCIENCE AND THE MYSTERIES OF THE STARS.



WHILE MY ANGRY LIVER AND THE WRINKLED FACE STARING BACK FROM THE MIRROR REMINDED ME EVERY MORNING THAT I WAS ENVISIONING A WORLD THAT WOULD NEVER BE MINE.

I BEGAN TO GROW ENVIOUS OF MY OWN *CHILDREN*.



I'D STUDIED THE HISTORY OF THE EARTH'S GREAT POWERS. THE LEGACIES THAT HAD SHAPED THE PLANET.

THE *STARKS* DESERVED TO BE MENTIONED RIGHT ALONGSIDE THEM.

HELLO?



SO I DID WHAT I DO BEST.

I MADE A DEAL.

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE MEETING SOMEONE HERE, AT THIS *CROSSROADS*.

HAVE A SEAT, HOWARD.

LET'S TALK *BUSINESS*.



I THOUGHT IT'D BE LIKE A THOUSAND OTHER DEALS I'D MADE--ONES I WAS ALWAYS RUTHLESS AND SAVVY ENOUGH TO TURN TO MY **ADVANTAGE**.

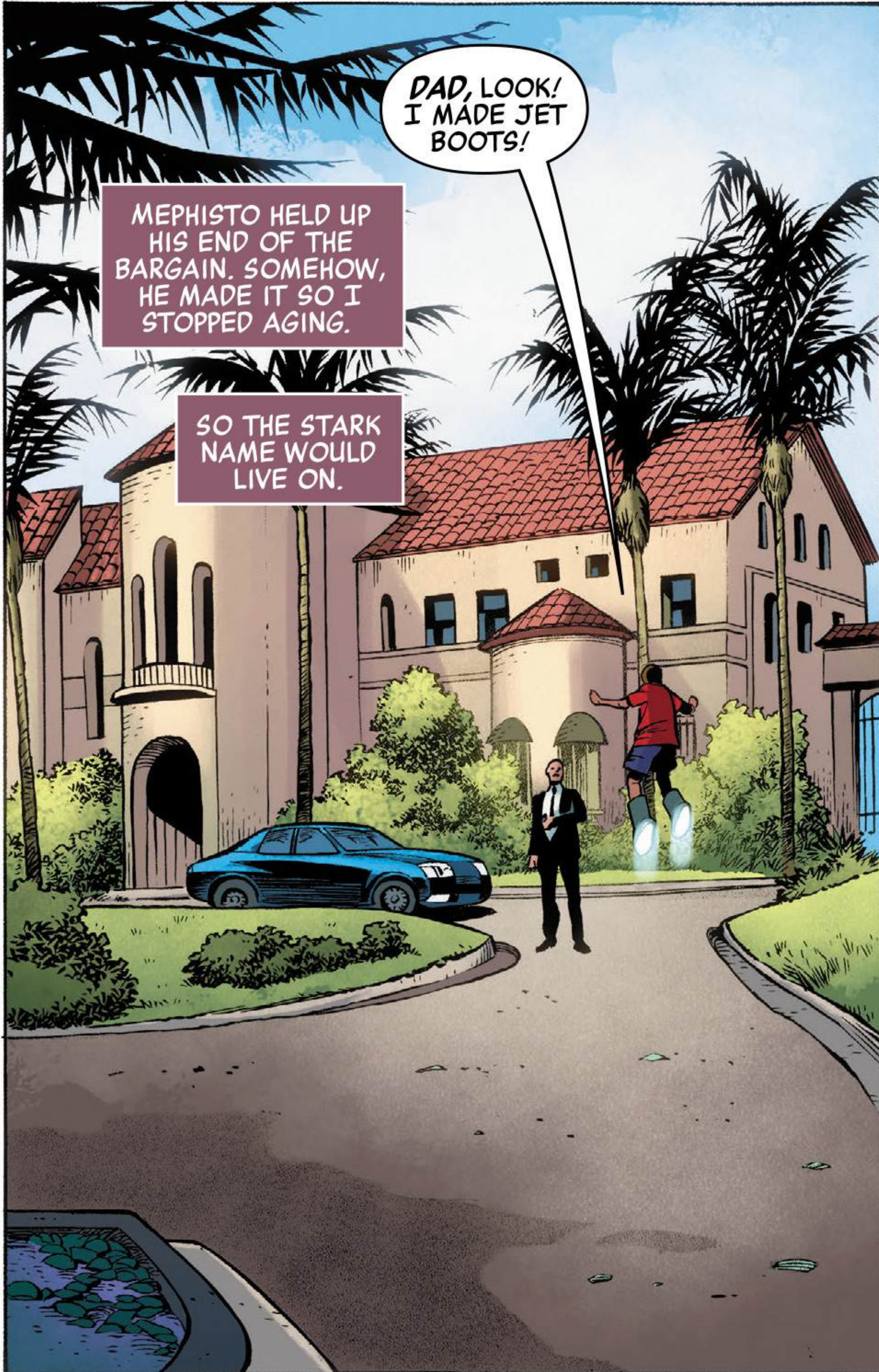
SO, SOUNDS LIKE WE'VE GOT A DEAL, MR., UH...

PLEASE, HOWARD. WE'RE **PARTNERS** NOW.



CALL ME **MEPHISTO**.

I WAS **WRONG**.



DAD, LOOK! I MADE JET BOOTS!

MEPHISTO HELD UP HIS END OF THE BARGAIN. SOMEHOW, HE MADE IT SO I STOPPED AGING.

SO THE STARK NAME WOULD LIVE ON.



DAD!

YES, TONY.

I SEE YOU.

THE HOWARD STARK NAME, AT LEAST.

EARTH-4111.



IMMORTALITY DOESN'T
COME WITHOUT A PRICE.
MY *FAMILY* WAS MINE.

THEN MY BUSINESS.
MY FORTUNE. MY
EARTHLY LIFE AS
I KNEW IT.



YES, I WOULD LIVE
FOREVER. I WOULD
LIVE TO SEE THE
FUTURE IN ALL ITS
STAGGERING SPLENDOR.



AND THEN
WORK TO BRING
IT TO RUIN.

AS A *SOUL-
BOUND* SLAVE
TO MEPHISTO.

AS *HELL'S*
ARMORER.

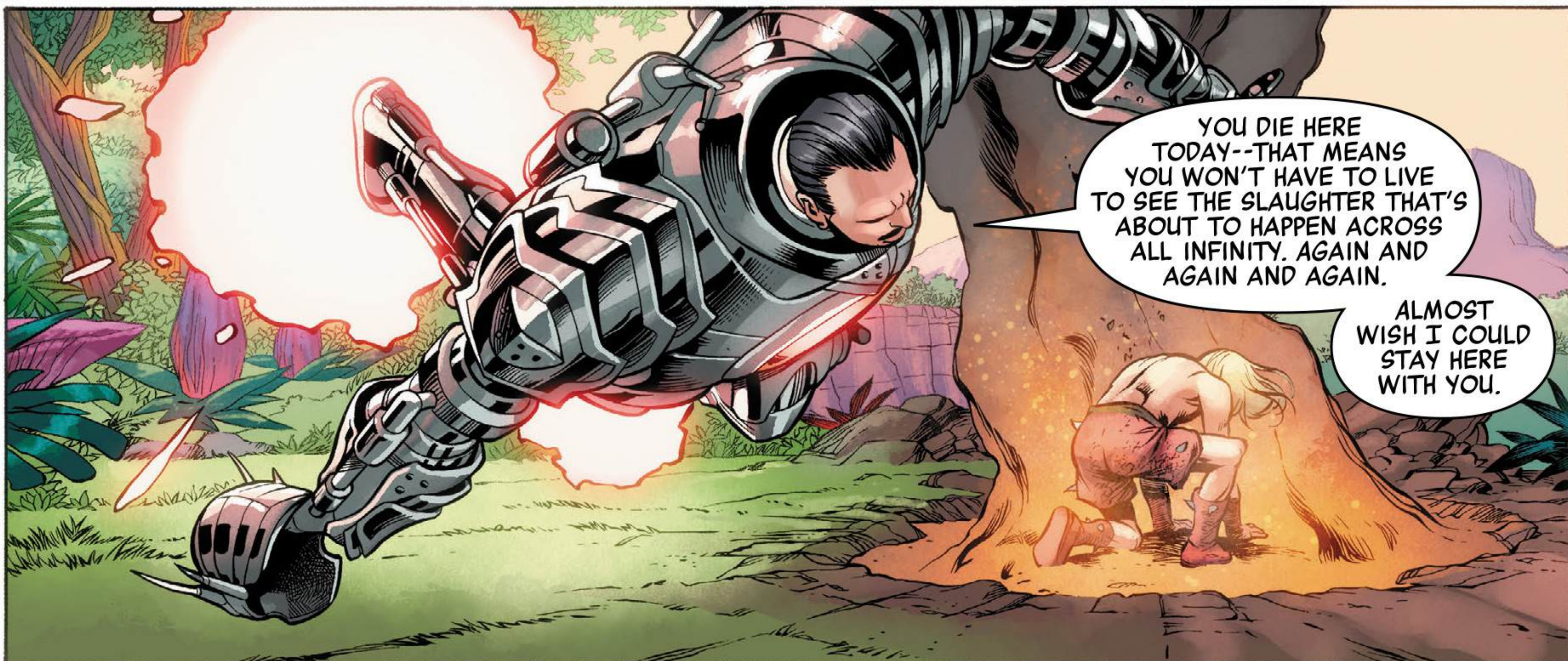
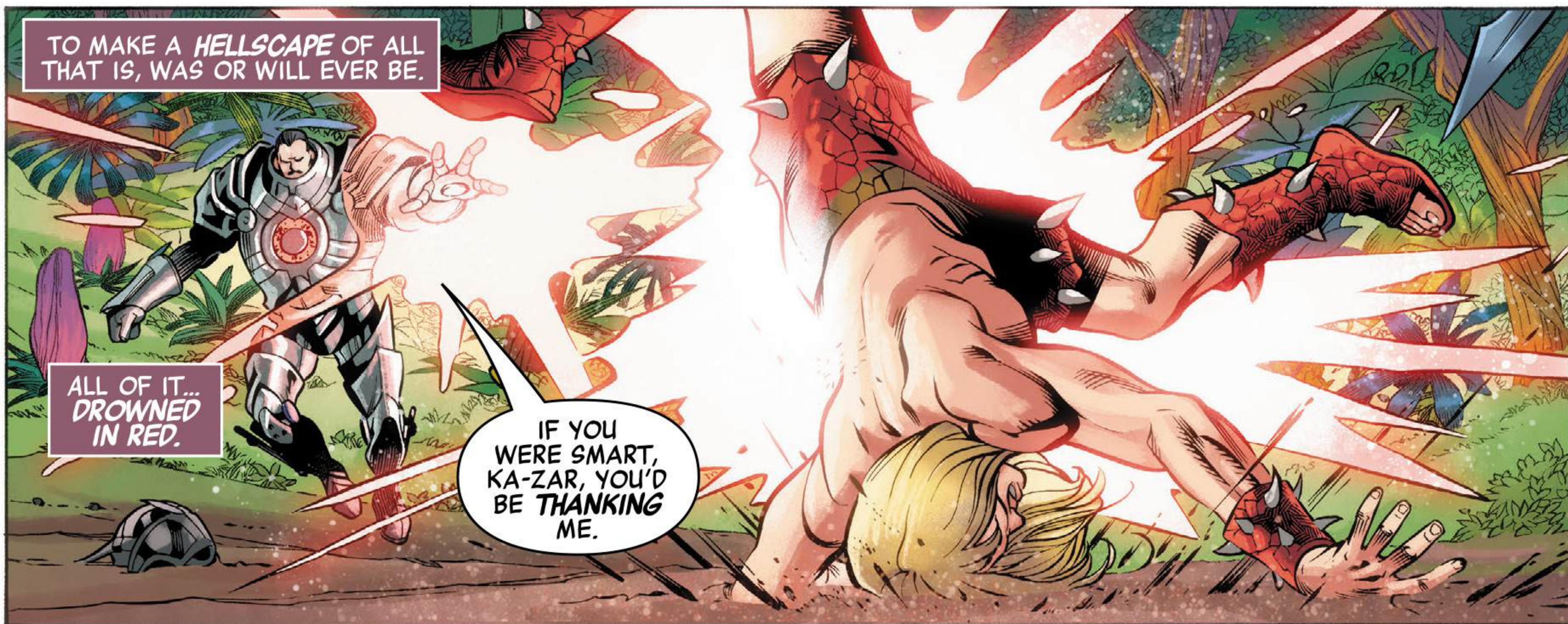


AS THE *IRON
INQUISITOR*.

CHIEF SECURITY
OFFICER FOR THE
COUNCIL OF RED.

THE DEVILS WHO
WANT TO REWRITE
THE HISTORY OF
ENTIRE UNIVERSES.

AND TOPPLE
THE WALLS OF
REALITY ITSELF.



AH.

GUESS THAT
EXPLAINS THAT.

MAN-APES.

LIZARD MEN.

DINOSAURS.

I'VE SPENT MOST
OF MY LIFE FIGHTING
TO SURVIVE AGAINST
BIG, SCARY THINGS THAT
WANT TO EAT ME.

WHILE DRESSED
IN A LOINCLOTH.

WHY SHOULD
TODAY BE ANY
DIFFERENT?

WITH NOTHING
BUT A **KNIFE**
IN MY HAND.

RRRRGGGH!!!

**ONE MILLION B.C.
EARTH-616.**

IT'S
DONE.

I'VE CHOSEN
THEM MYSELF. THE
DEADLIEST BEINGS
FROM DIFFERENT ERAS,
FROM DIFFERENT
EARTHS.

AND THEY
AGREED TO
THE TERMS?



DOOM
DOES NOT
NEGOTIATE.

OF COURSE.
AND HAS DOOM
AGREED TO MY
TERMS?

WHAT TERMS
WOULD THOSE
BE, SNAKE?

SEEING AS
HOW THIS WAS MY
IDEA AND THAT I'VE
GIVEN YOU ALL THAT YOU
NEED TO RESHAPE THE
HISTORY OF THE
EARTH...OF *EVERY*
EARTH...

...I BELIEVE
I SPEAK FOR ALL
MEPHISTOS, FOR THE
ENTIRE COUNCIL OF
RED, WHEN I SAY WE
HAVE ONLY *ONE*
DEMAND OF
OUR OWN.

THIS EARTH--THE ONE
COMMONLY MARKED IN
THE MULTIVERSAL MAPS AS
EARTH-616.

THIS EARTH
MUST BE SAVED
FOR *LAST.*

FOR...
REASONS
IMPORTANT
ONLY TO
US.

I AM THE
SORCERER SUPREME
OF MY AGE. YOU THINK
I DON'T SEE THE *INFERNAL*
SPELL YOUR COUNCIL OF
CONJURERS SEEKS
TO CAST?

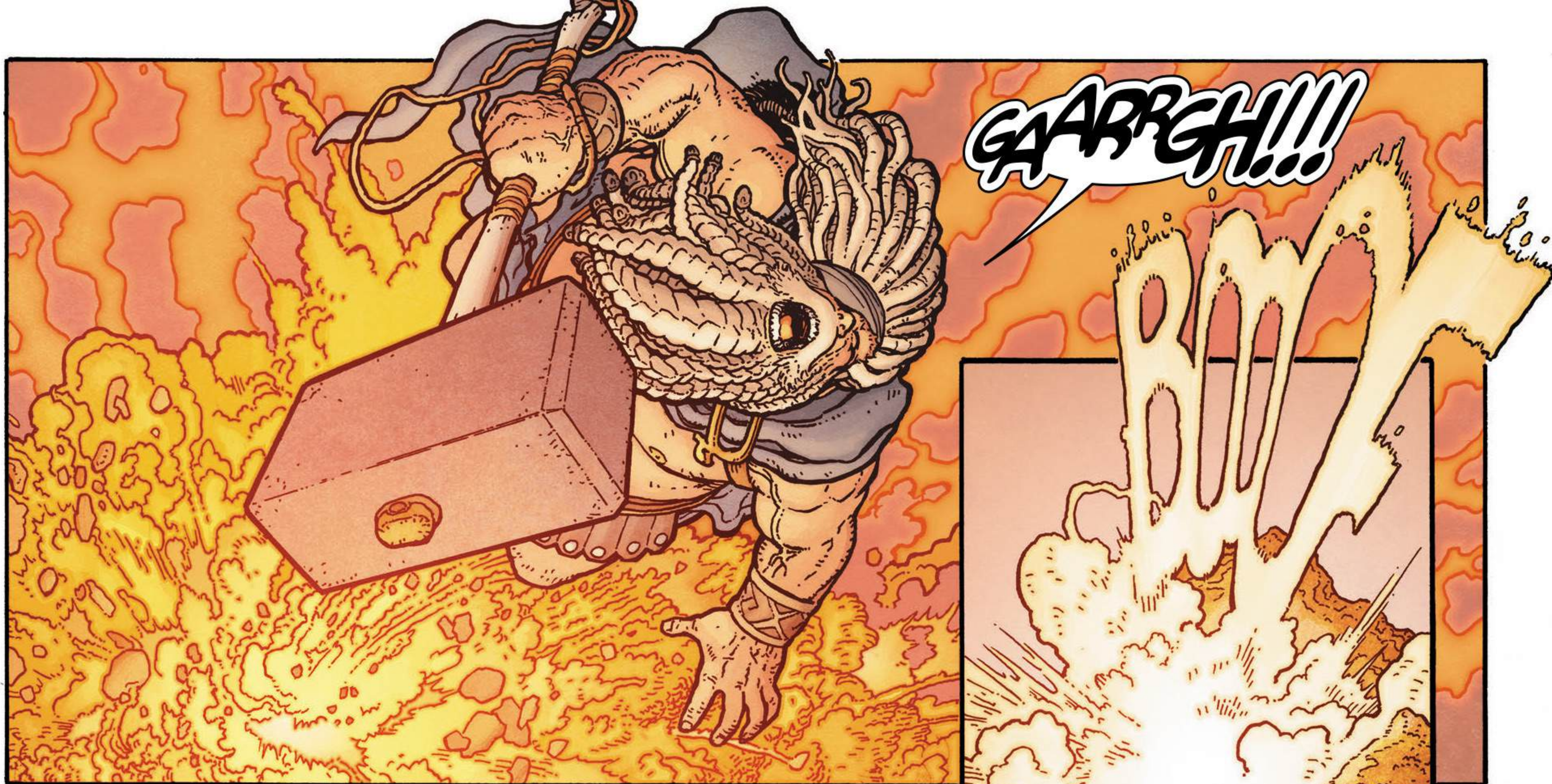
OF COURSE
YOU DO. AND THAT'S
EXACTLY WHY YOU'LL
AGREE.

VERY
WELL.

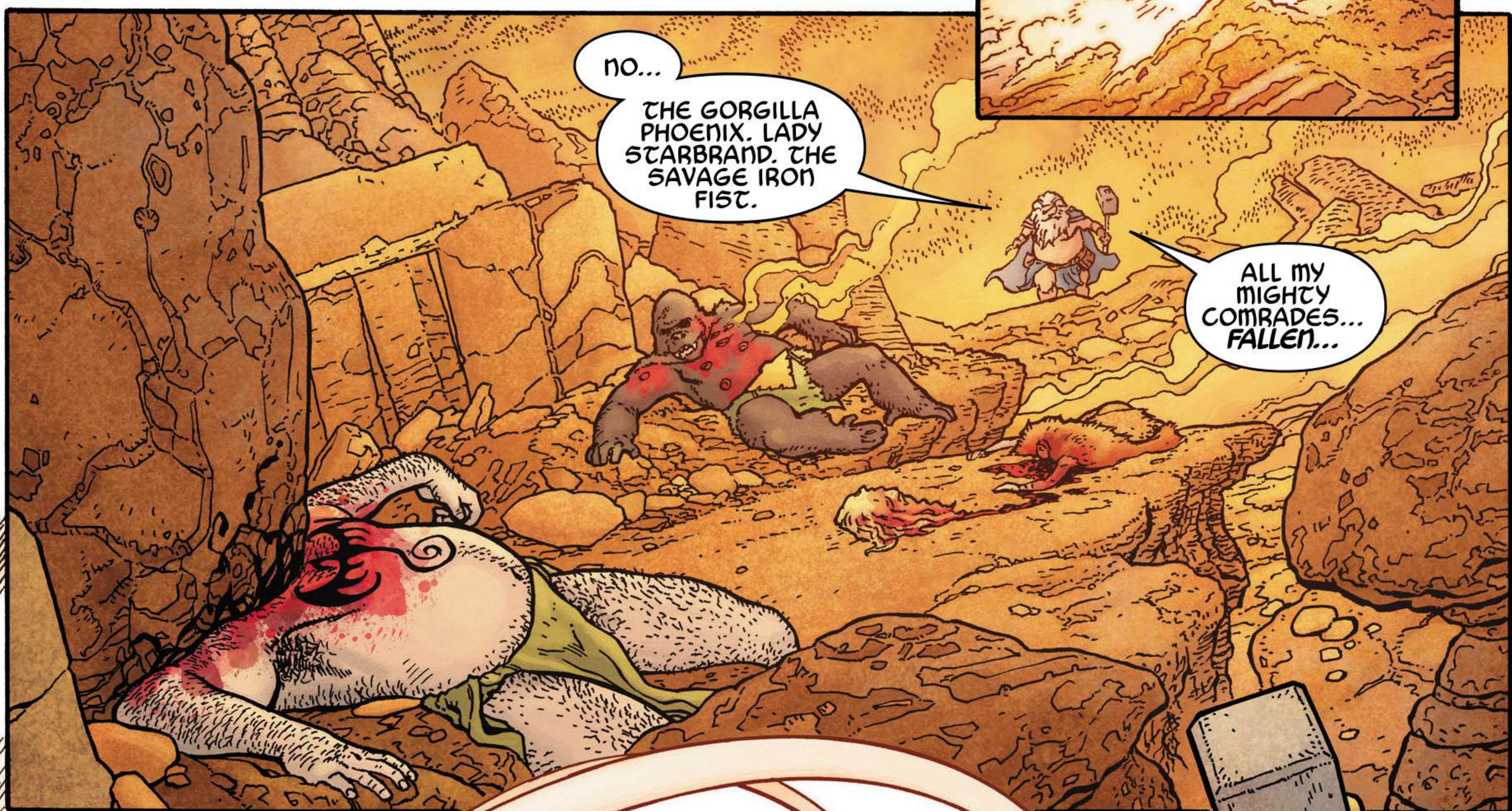
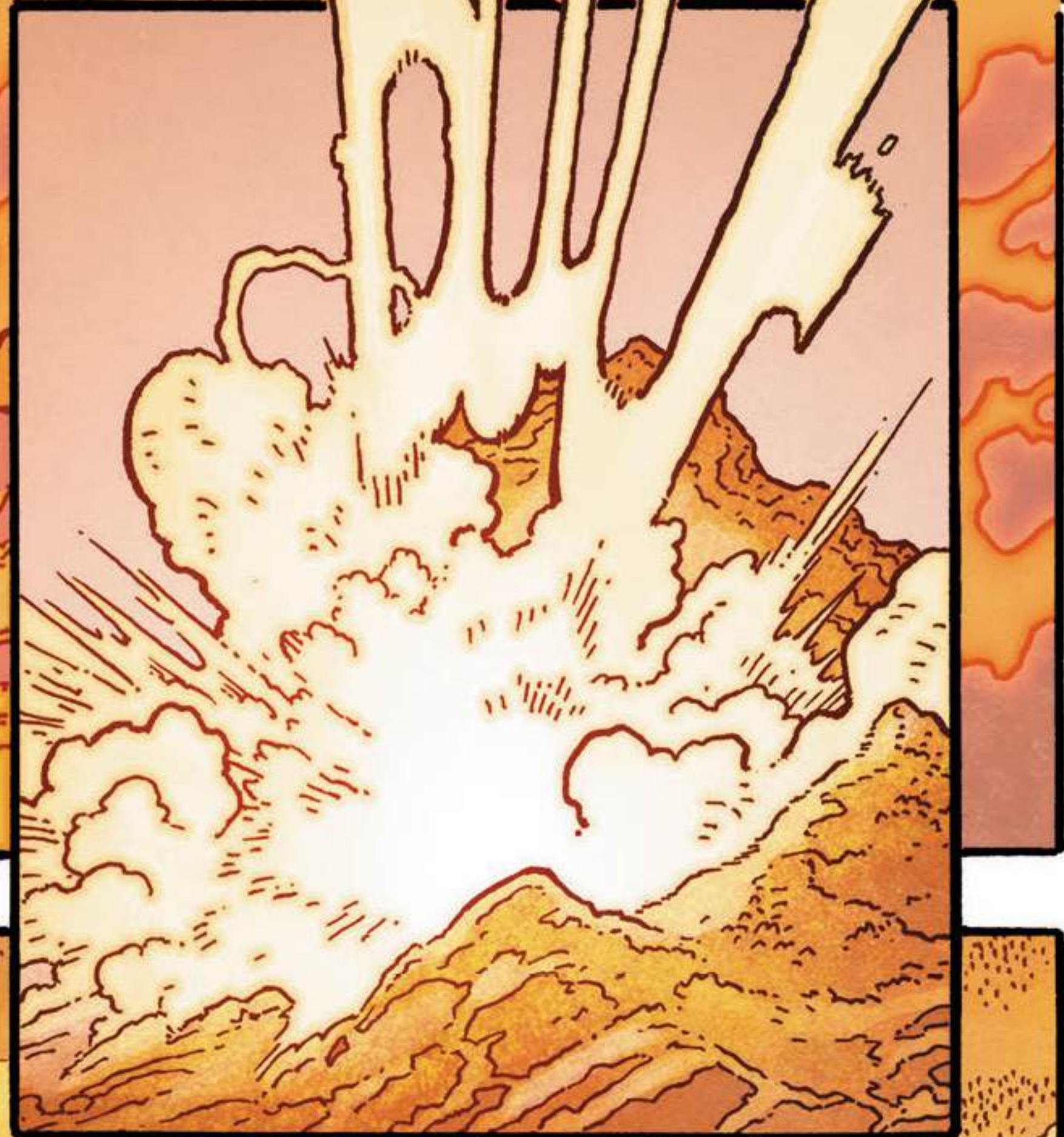
DOOM
CARES NOT
ABOUT THE
ORDER OF
EARTHS.

IT
MATTERS
ONLY THAT
WE BEGIN.

IMMEDIATELY.



GAARGH!!!



no...

THE GORGILLA
PHOENIX. LADY
STARBRAND. THE
SAVAGE IRON
FIST.

ALL MY
MIGHTY
COMRADES...
FALLEN...

BUT
ODIN YET
LIVES!

THERE IS
BLOOD IN MY
VEINS AND RAGE
IN MY HEART AND
A HAMMER OF
LIVING STORM
IN MY HAND!

COME
AND TASTE
THEM ALL,
BUTCHERS!

TASTE
THE FURY OF
THE GOD OF
GODS!

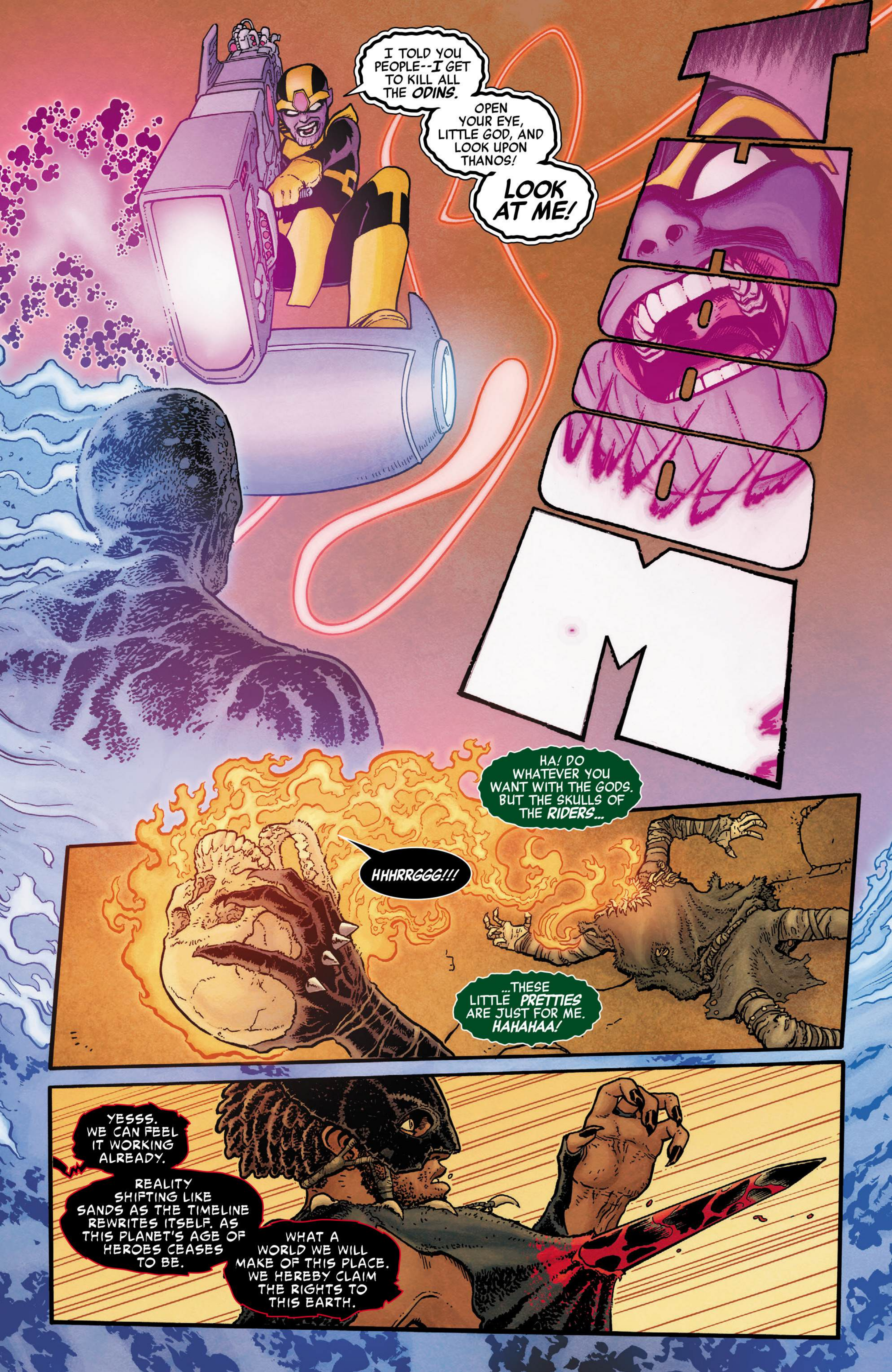
ARRRGH!!!

ONE MILLION B.C.
EARTH-818.

NOT EVEN
AN *ALL-FATHER* CAN
WITHSTAND THOSE FIRES.
THE ASGARDIAN
IS FINISHED.

HE'D
BETTER
NOT BE.

UUUGH.



I TOLD YOU
PEOPLE--I GET
TO KILL ALL
THE *ODINS*.

OPEN
YOUR EYE,
LITTLE GOD, AND
LOOK UPON
THANOS!

LOOK
AT ME!

HA! DO
WHATEVER YOU
WANT WITH THE GODS.
BUT THE SKULLS OF
THE *RIDERS*...

HHRRGGG!!!

...THESE
LITTLE *PRETTIES*
ARE JUST FOR ME.
HAHAHAA!

YESSS.
WE CAN FEEL
IT WORKING
ALREADY.

REALITY
SHIFTING LIKE
SANDS AS THE TIMELINE
REWRITES ITSELF. AS
THIS PLANET'S AGE OF
HEROES CEASES
TO BE.

WHAT A
WORLD WE WILL
MAKE OF THIS PLACE.
WE HEREBY CLAIM
THE RIGHTS TO
THIS EARTH.



TO DO
WITH AS WE
PLEASE.

REST
ASSURED...THERE
ARE PLENTY OF EARTHS
IN THE HEAVENS--MORE
THAN ENOUGH FOR
EACH OF US.

THAT WAS
OVER FAR TOO
QUICKLY.

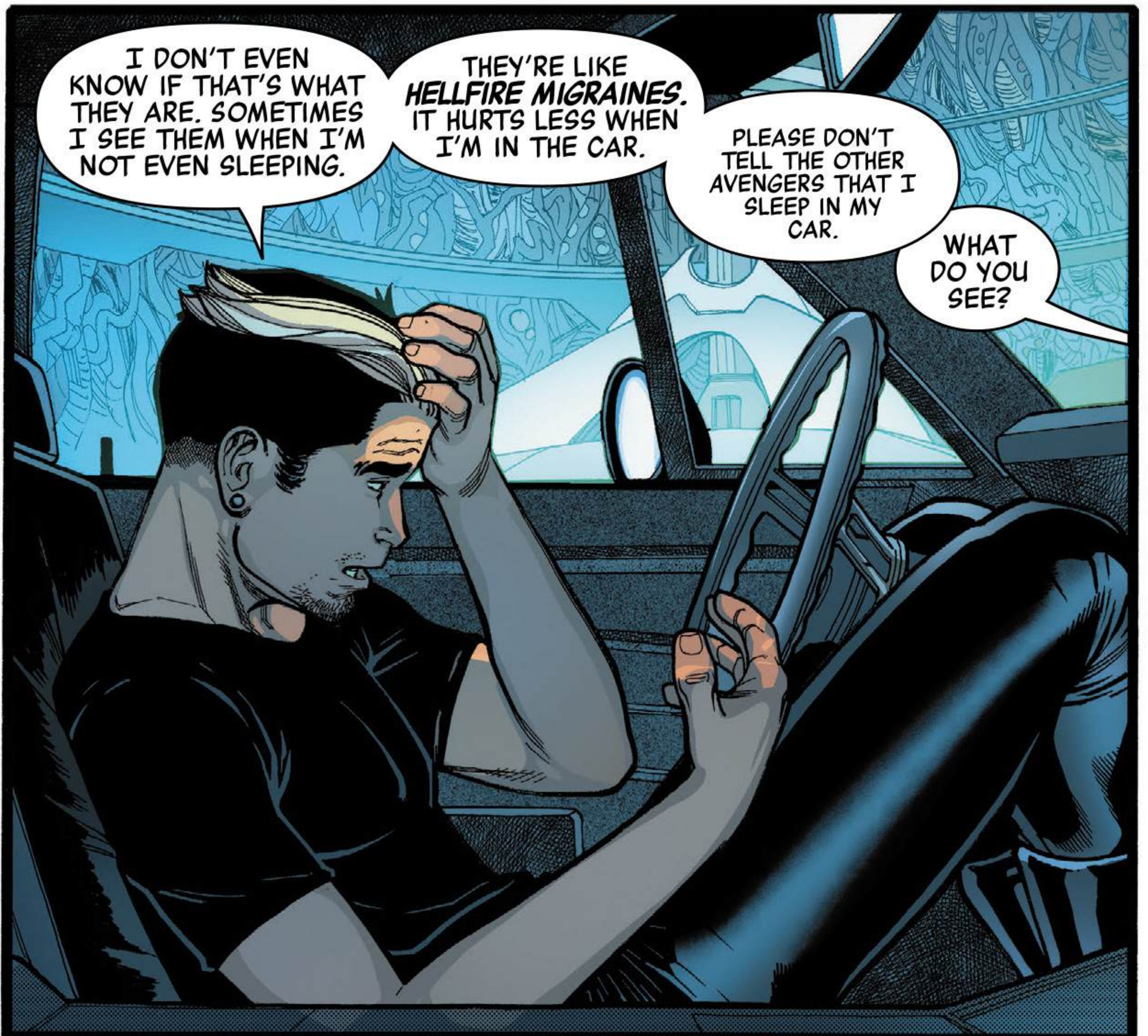
I'M READY
TO DO IT
AGAIN. RIGHT
NOW.

SO
WHICH EARTH
IS NEXT?

CHAPTER SEVEN: THE AGE OF THE MASTERS OF EVIL.



TELL ME ABOUT THESE DREAMS OF YOURS, ROBERTO.



I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE. SOMETIMES I SEE THEM WHEN I'M NOT EVEN SLEEPING.

THEY'RE LIKE HELLFIRE MIGRAINES. IT HURTS LESS WHEN I'M IN THE CAR.

PLEASE DON'T TELL THE OTHER AVENGERS THAT I SLEEP IN MY CAR.

WHAT DO YOU SEE?



I SEE GHOST RIDERS DYING. AGAIN AND AGAIN.

OTHER RIDERS YOU KNOW?

NO. THEY'RE ALL... CAVEMEN... RIDING DINOSAURS. AND THEY'RE NOT DYING ALONE. THERE ARE PANTHERS THERE TOO. AND THOR'S DAD.

CAN YOU SEE WHAT'S KILLING THEM?

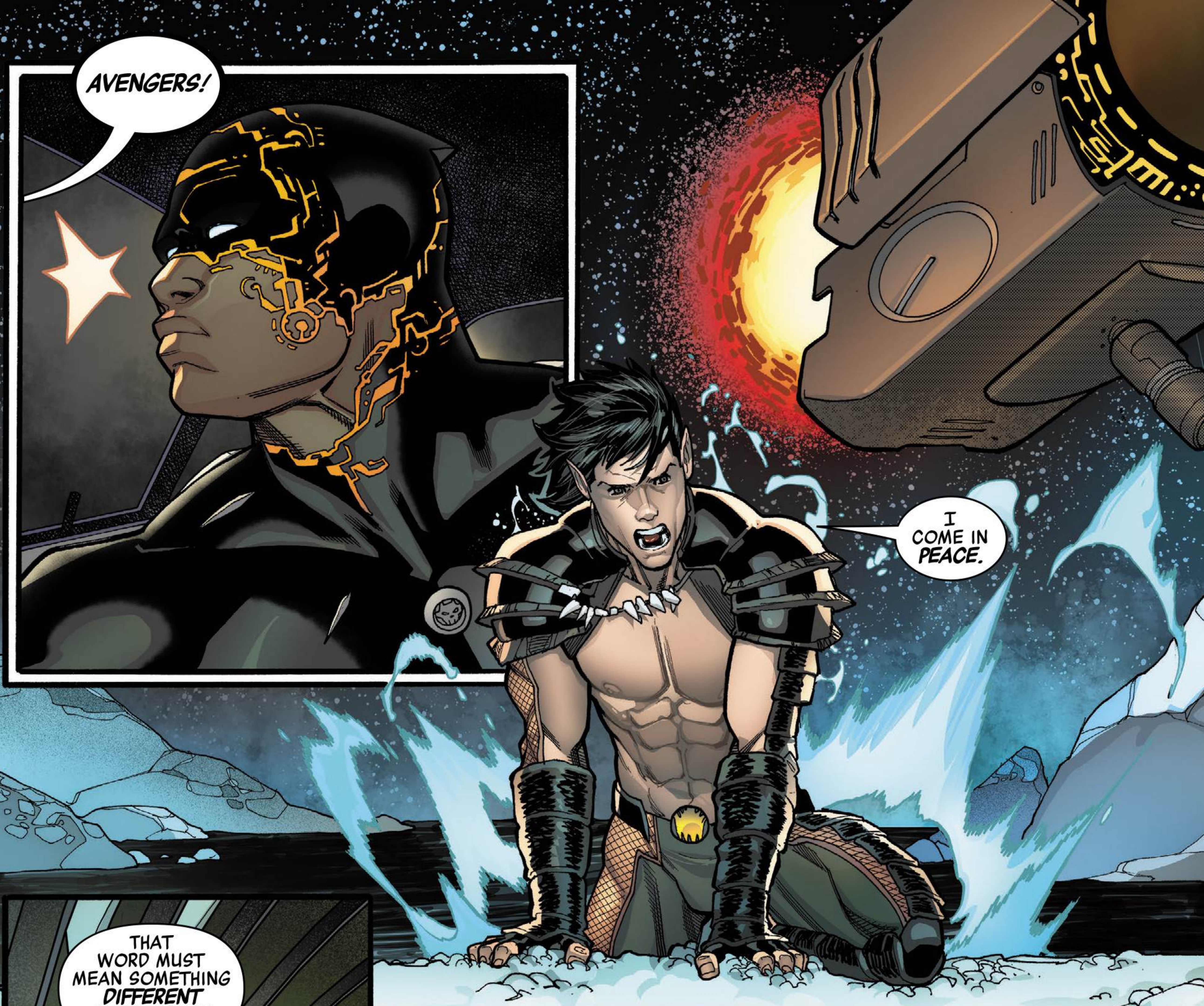
SOMETIMES I ALMOST SEE. BUT THEN SOMEONE PULLS MY HEAD OFF AND LAUGHS.



AND I WAKE UP. WITH ONE THOUGHT SETTING FIRE TO EVERY BONE IN MY BODY.

AND WHAT THOUGHT IS THAT?

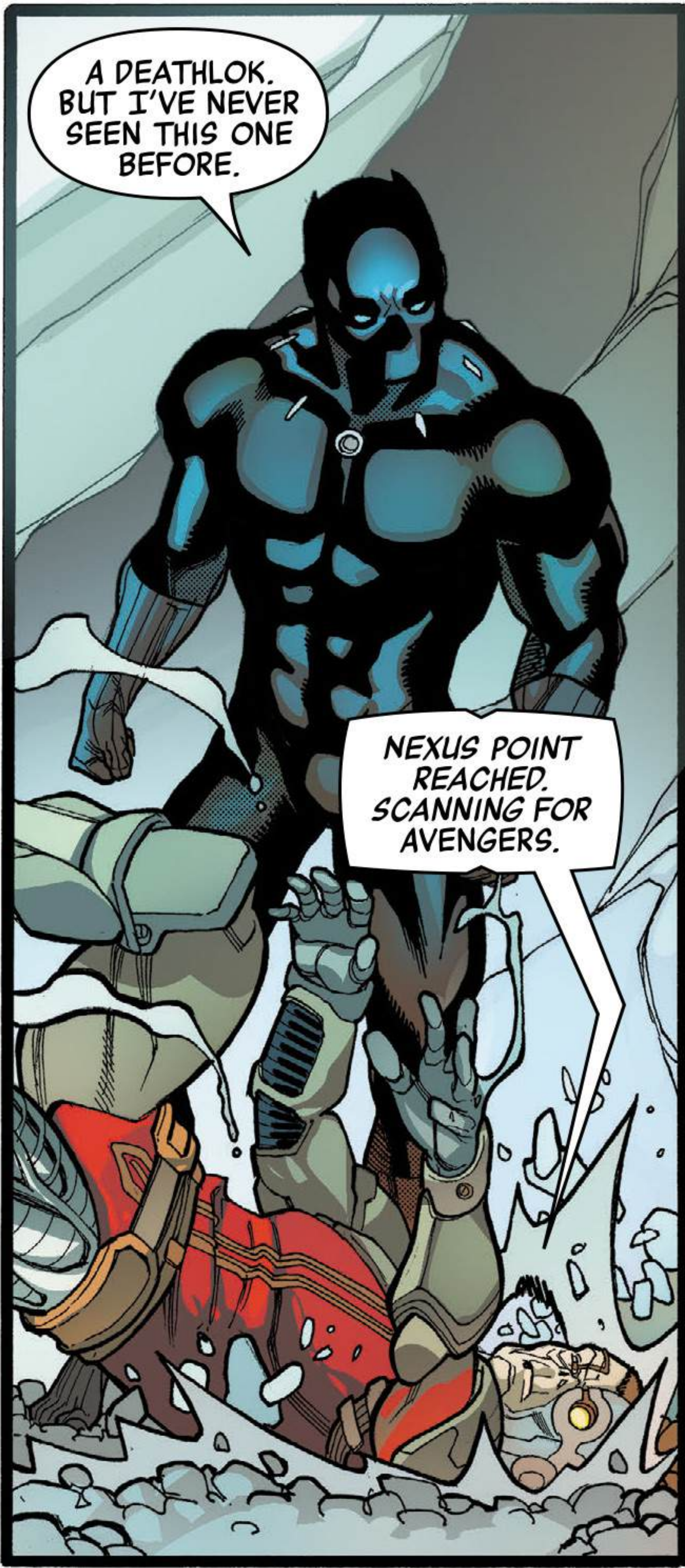
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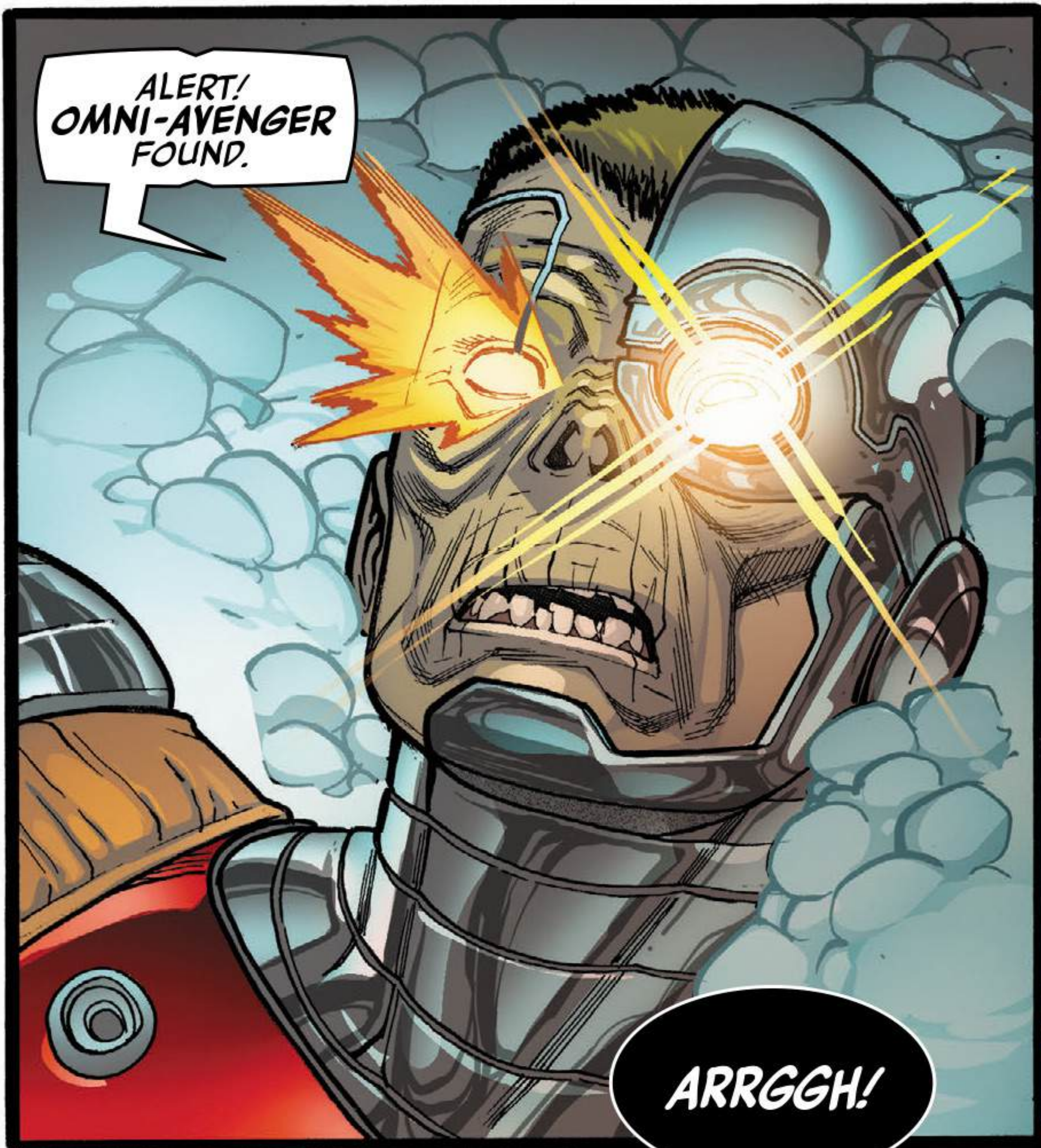
HERE. AS
A TOKEN OF MY
SINCERITY, I FOUND
THIS CREATURE
SKULKING AROUND
ATLANTIS.

IT SOUNDS
LIKE IT BELONGS
TO YOU.



A DEATHLOK.
BUT I'VE NEVER
SEEN THIS ONE
BEFORE.

NEXUS POINT
REACHED.
SCANNING FOR
AVENGERS.



ALERT!
OMNI-AVenger
FOUND.

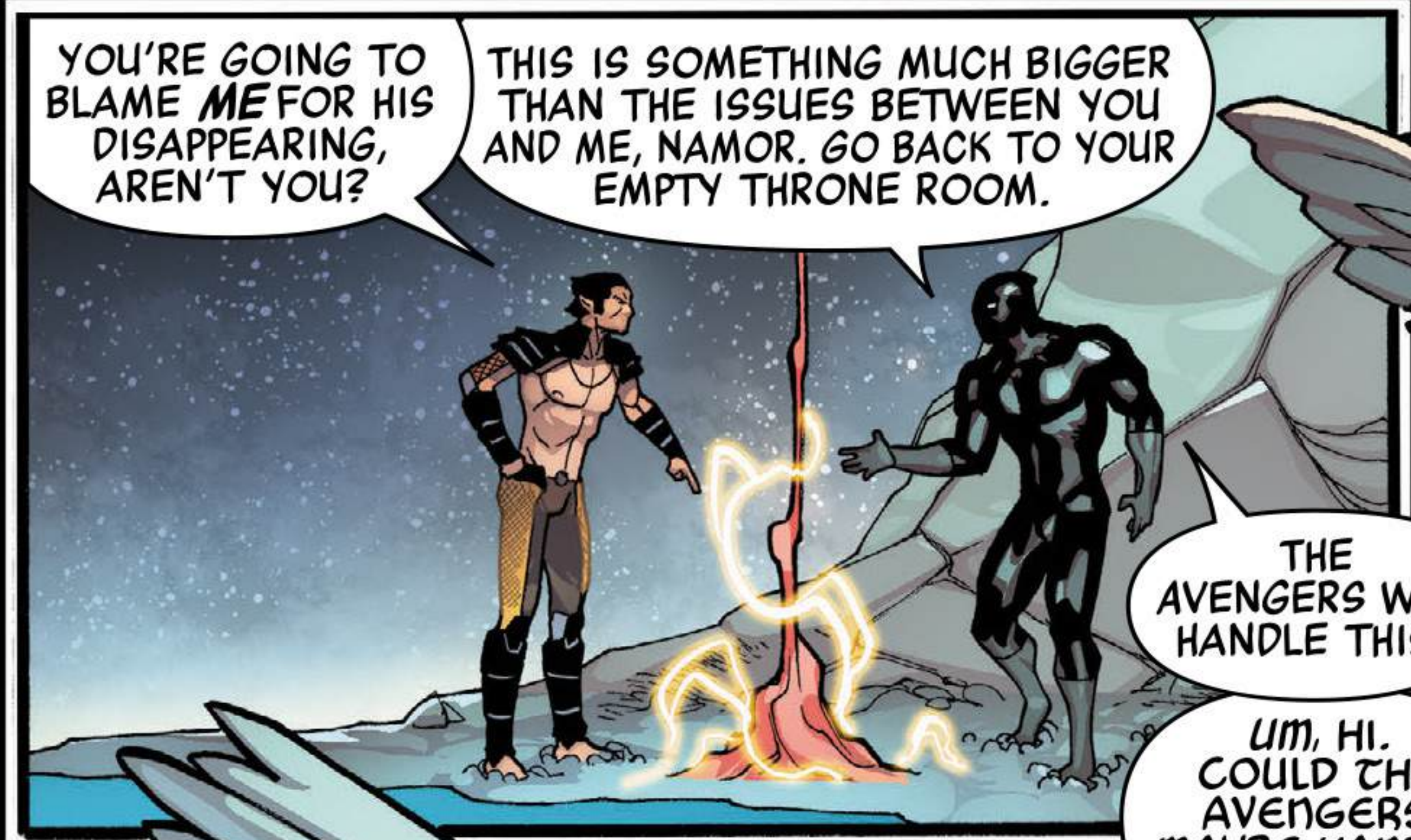
ARRGGH!



T'CHALLA!

IT'S
HAPPENING
AGAIN!

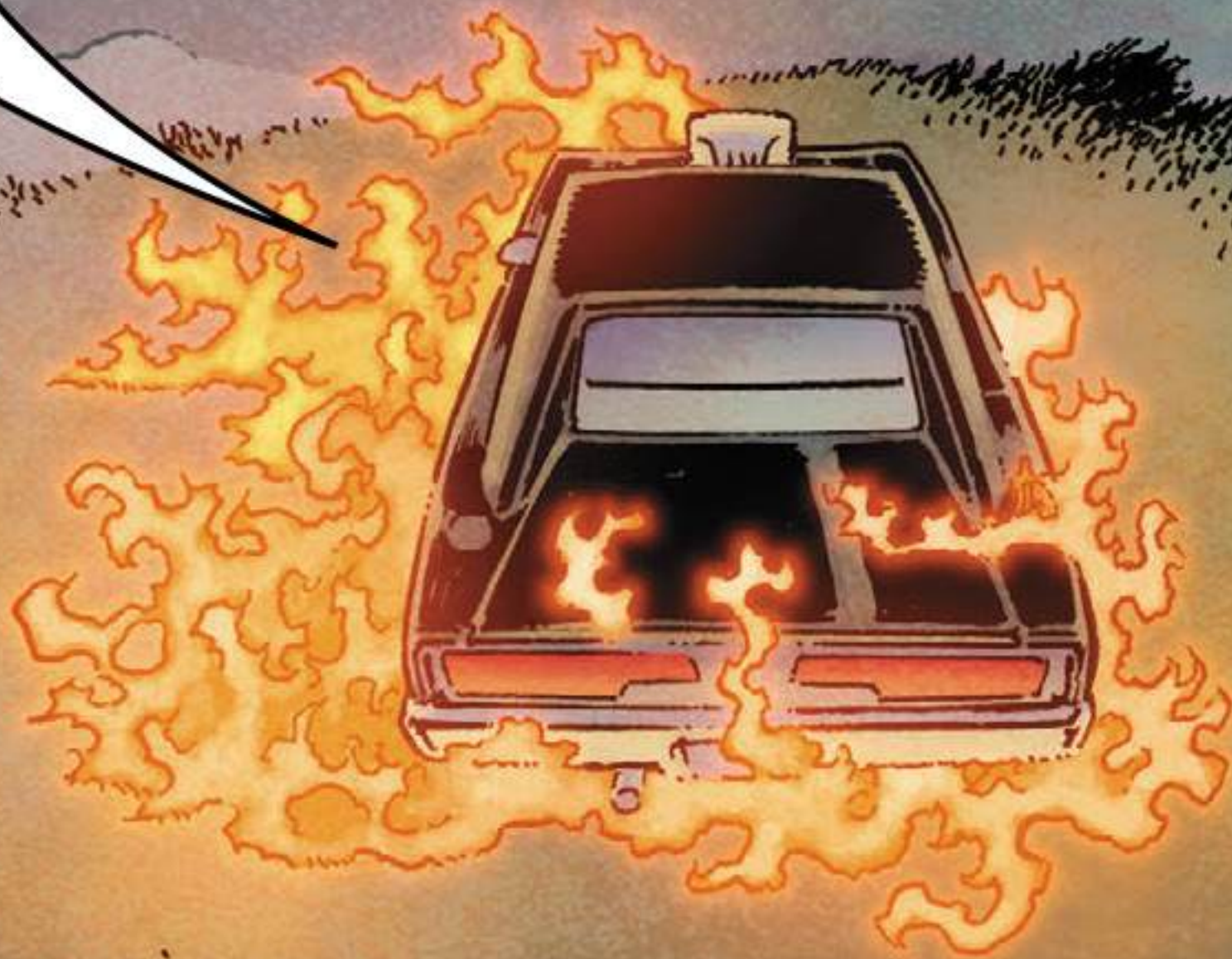




EARTH-818.

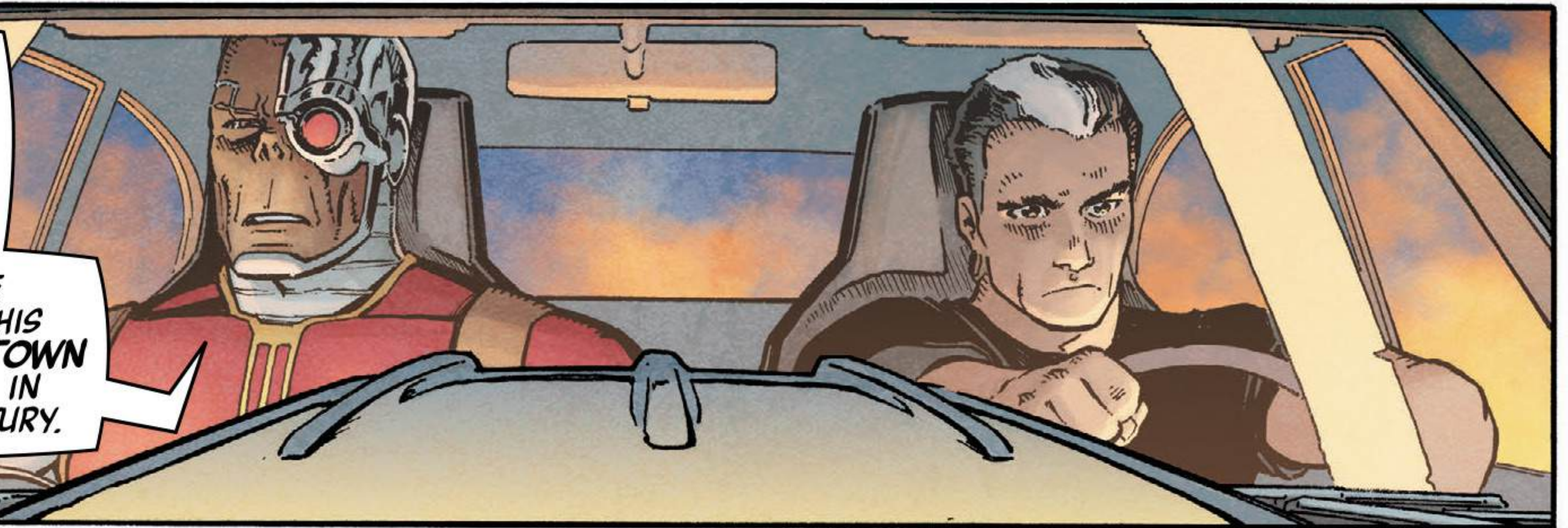
THIS IS A
PLACE WHERE IT
HAPPENED.

THIS IS
ANOTHER EARTH,
ISN'T IT? YOU BROUGHT
ME TO AN EARTH WHERE
A GHOST RIDER WAS
MURDERED.



NOT JUST THIS
WORLD'S RIDER.
AN ENTIRE AGE
OF HEROES HAS
BEEN MURDERED
HERE.

A TIMELINE
REWRITTEN. THIS
SHOULD BE **MIDTOWN
MANHATTAN**, IN
THE 21ST CENTURY.



AND IT WAS YOUR
OWN SPIRIT OF
VENGEANCE THAT
BROUGHT US HERE,
ROBBIE REYES. A
SPIRIT STRONGER
THAN ANY I'VE
EVER SEEN.

ALL THOSE
DEAD RIDERS. THE
KILLERS ARE DOING
THIS OVER AND OVER,
ALL ACROSS THE
MULTIVERSE. EARTH
AFTER EARTH.

WHO
THE HELL
ARE THEY?

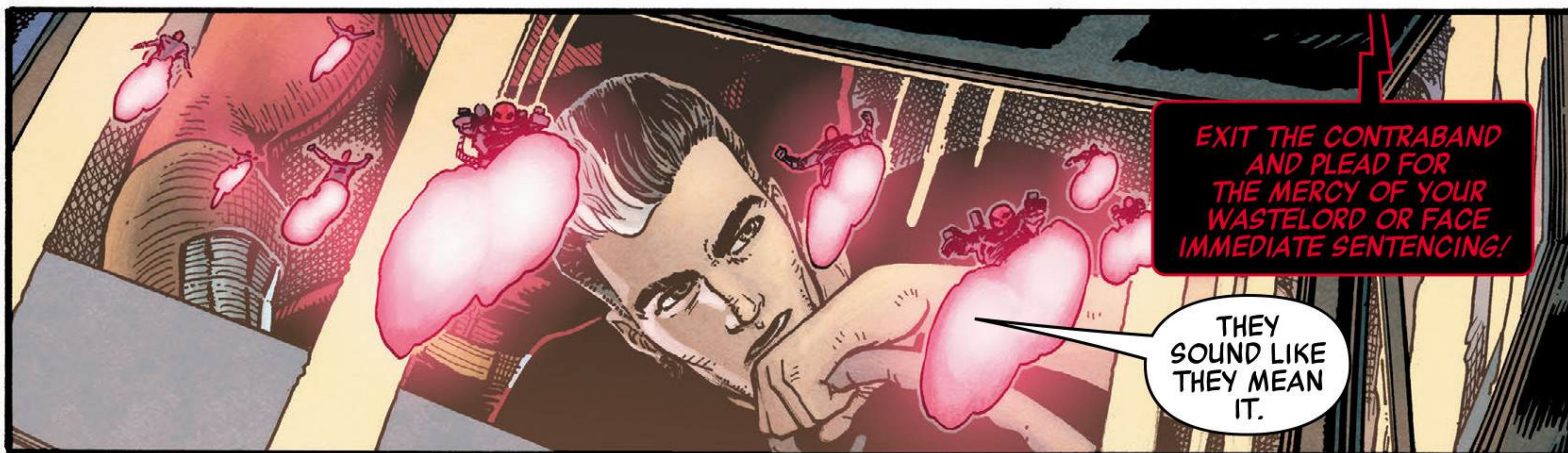


DOOM SUPREME
AND HIS MULTIVERSAL
MASTERS OF EVIL.

WE DEATHLOKS WERE
BRINGING A WARNING
TO YOUR UNIVERSE. TO
EARTH-616. A NEXUS WORLD
OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.

BECAUSE OF
THE PRESENCE
THERE OF--

ATTENTION! YOU ARE
IN POSSESSION OF
AN ILLEGAL
MOTORIZED VEHICLE!



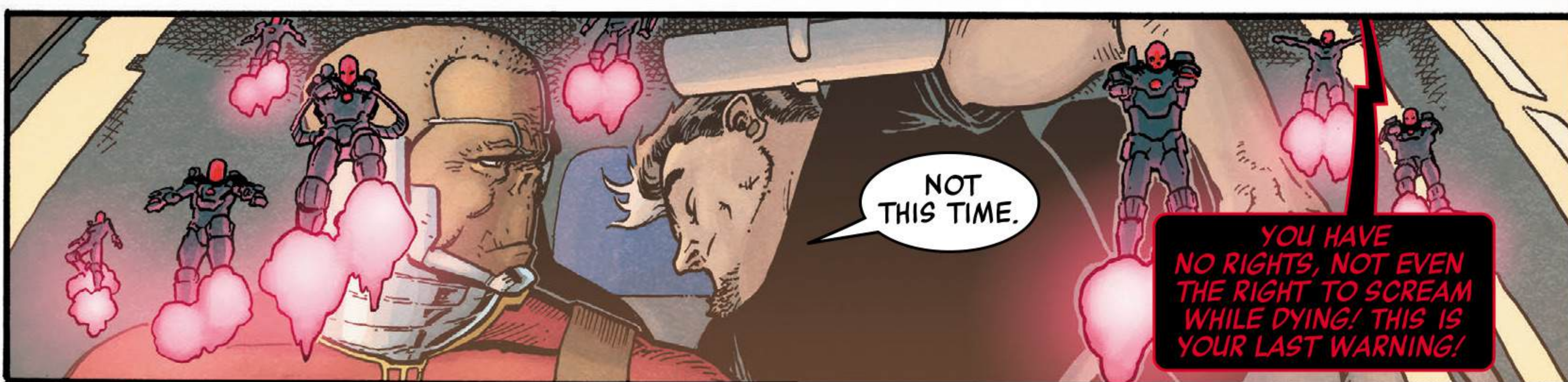
EXIT THE CONTRABAND
AND PLEAD FOR
THE MERCY OF YOUR
WASTELORD OR FACE
IMMEDIATE SENTENCING!

THEY
SOUND LIKE
THEY MEAN
IT.

THEY ARE
WAR MACHINES.
SOLDIERS OF
THIS WORLD'S
SUPREME RULER,
THE BLACK SKULL.

IF FULLY UNLEASHED, YOUR
HELL CHARGER IS CAPABLE
OF OUTRUNNING ANYTHING
IN ANY KNOWN UNIVERSE.

I WOULD
RECOMMEND WE
WITHDRAW.



NOT
THIS TIME.

YOU HAVE
NO RIGHTS, NOT EVEN
THE RIGHT TO SCREAM
WHILE DYING! THIS IS
YOUR LAST WARNING!

THE CALL OF VENGEANCE JUST
DRAGGED ME INTO THIS
UNIVERSE.

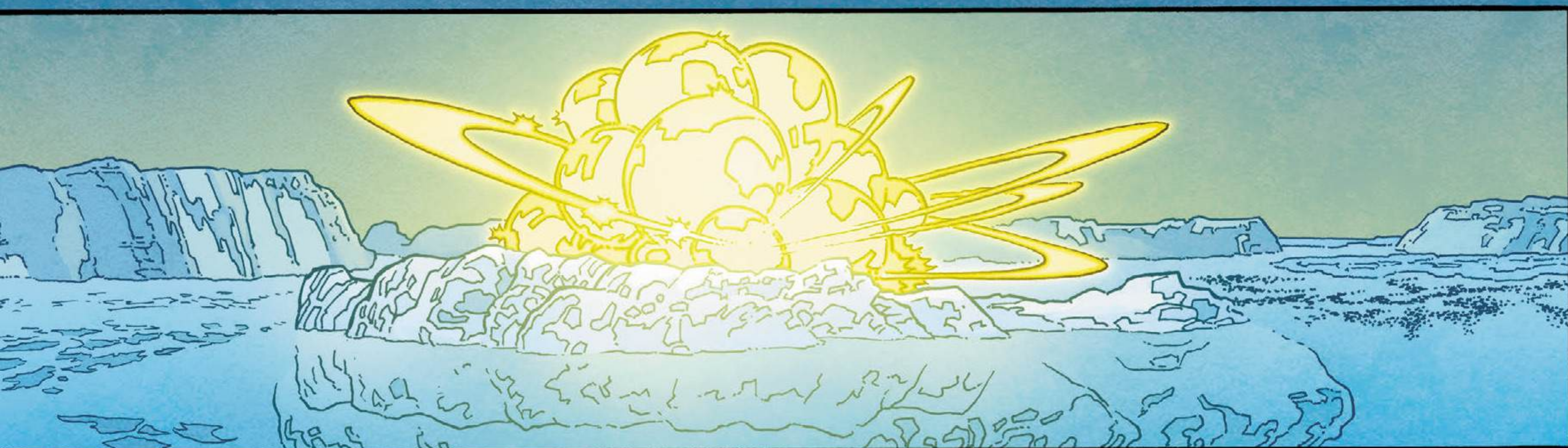
DON'T UNDERSTAND
HOW THAT'S POSSIBLE,
BUT I CAN TELL YOU
ONE THING FOR SURE.

THIS
HERE GHOST
RIDER...



"...DIDN'T
COME TO
RIDE."





WHICH EARTH IS THIS? MY OTHER AND I HAVE LOST COUNT.

DOES IT MATTER? IT WILL SOON BE WHIMPERING AT OUR FEET, JUST LIKE THE REST.

THE AIR IS FILLED WITH RADIO PHOTONS. THIS ISN'T THE *STONE AGE*. WHERE HAVE YOU BROUGHT US, DOOM?

THE *DEATHLOKS* HAVE CONVERGED AT THIS NEXUS. WE'VE COME TO *HUNT* THEM.



I AGREED TO SLAUGHTER GODS AND BLACK PANTHERS...

...AND CLAIM EARTHS IN THE NAME OF THE ONE-MAN NATION OF NEW WAKANDA.

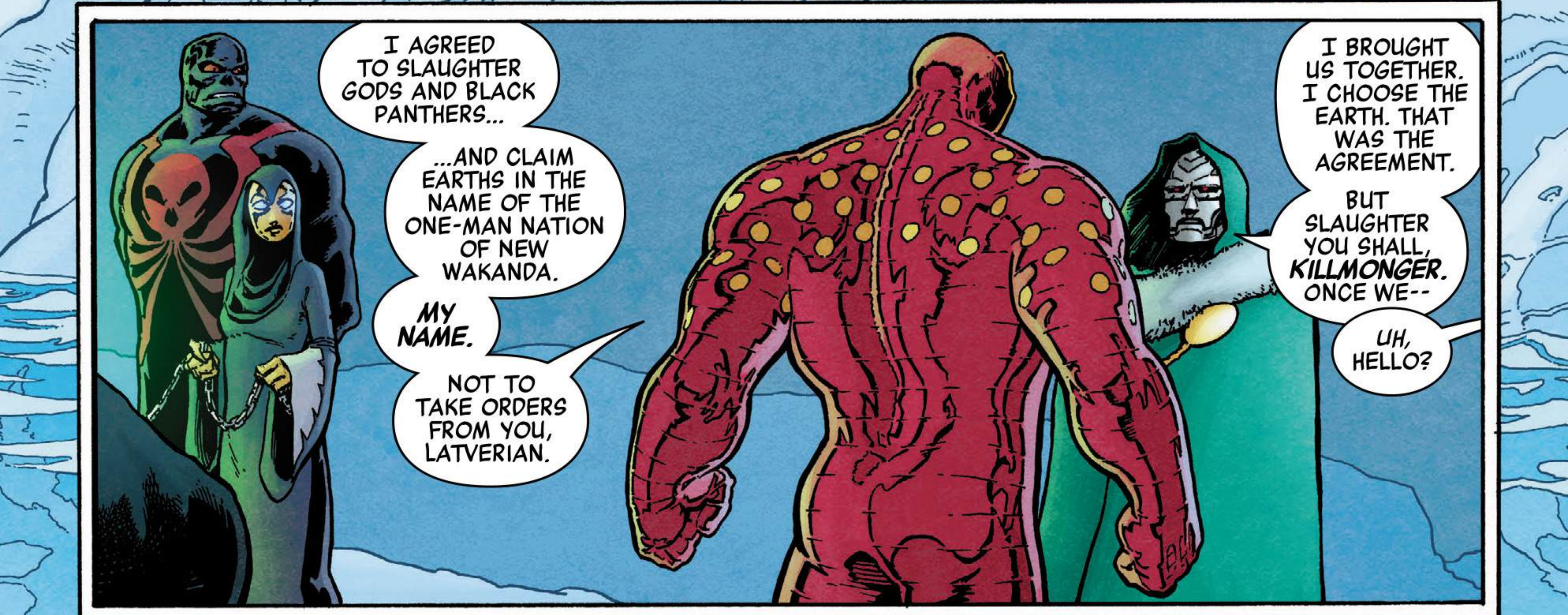
MY NAME.

NOT TO TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU, LATVERIAN.

I BROUGHT US TOGETHER. I CHOOSE THE EARTH. THAT WAS THE AGREEMENT.

BUT SLAUGHTER YOU SHALL, *KILLMONGER*. ONCE WE--

UH, HELLO?





HI!

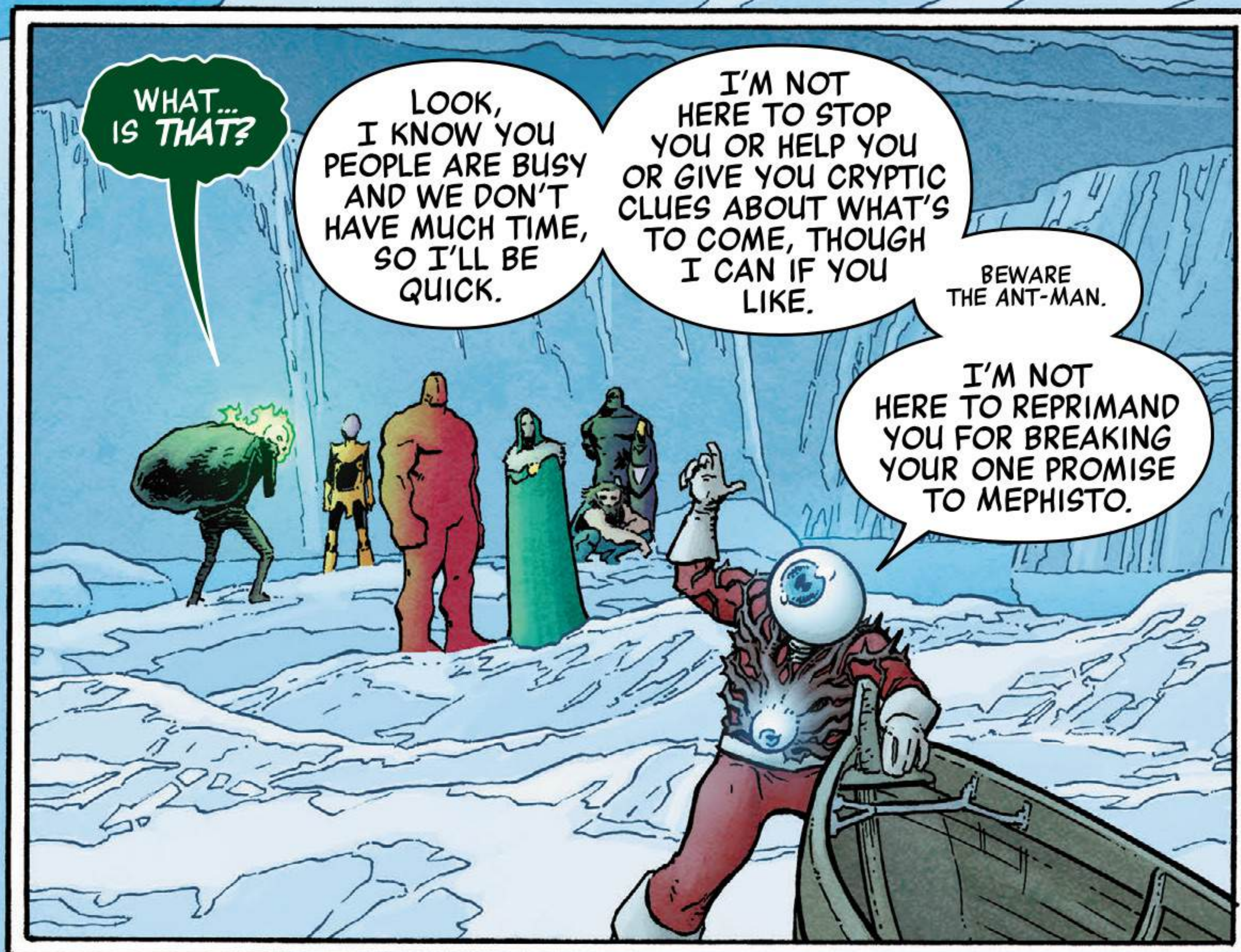
FIRST,
JUST LET ME
SAY... **BIG FAN!**
REAL BIG
FAN...

...OF
EVERYBODY
HERE AND WHAT
YOU'RE DOING!

I'VE BEEN
WATCHING IT ALL
PLAY OUT FOR A GOOD
LONG WHILE NOW
FROM AFAR!

AND I'M
SO EXCITED TO
BE HERE WHEN IT
ALL COMES
TOGETHER!

MY WHOLE
EYEBALL
CAN'T STOP
SHAKING!



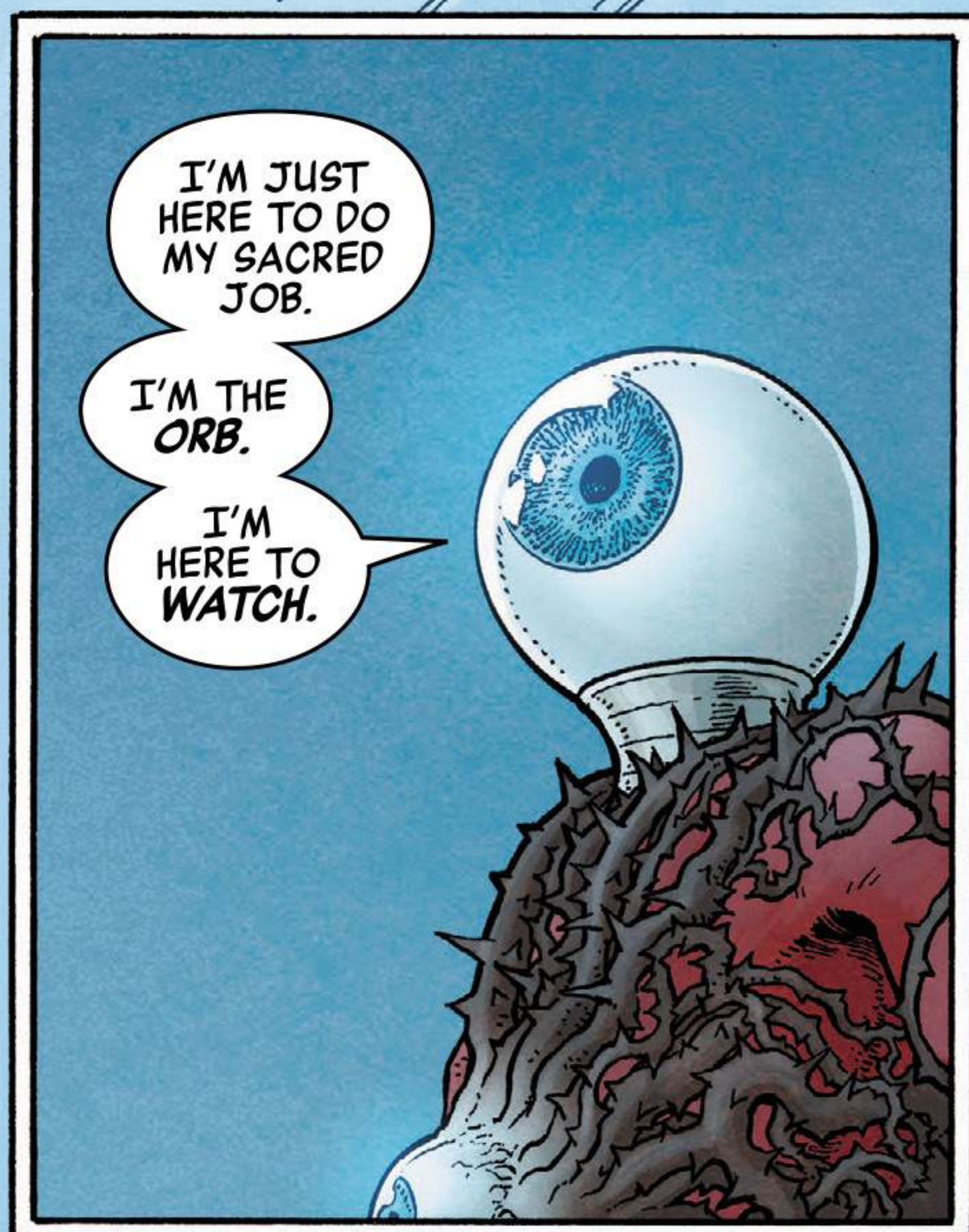
WHAT...
IS **THAT**?

LOOK,
I KNOW YOU
PEOPLE ARE BUSY
AND WE DON'T
HAVE MUCH TIME,
SO I'LL BE
QUICK.

I'M NOT
HERE TO STOP
YOU OR HELP YOU
OR GIVE YOU CRYPTIC
CLUES ABOUT WHAT'S
TO COME, THOUGH
I CAN IF YOU
LIKE.

BEWARE
THE ANT-MAN.

I'M NOT
HERE TO REPRIMAND
YOU FOR BREAKING
YOUR ONE PROMISE
TO MEPHISTO.



I'M JUST
HERE TO DO
MY SACRED
JOB.

I'M THE
ORB.

I'M
HERE TO
WATCH.



HOW DOES
IT **SPEAK**? SUPPOSE
I'LL HAVE TO CUT IT
OPEN TO FIND
OUT.

YOU...
ARE **NOT**
THE
WATCHER.

YEAH, SEE,
ON THIS EARTH,
THE BIG GUY DIED
A WHILE BACK
AND PASSED HIS
SECRETS ON
TO ME.

AND BY THAT I MEAN I STOLE ONE OF HIS EYES AND...*DID* THINGS WITH IT.

AND NOW I CARRY ON HIS SOLEMN DUTIES!

I OBSERVE! I LEER! I OGLE!

YOU KNOW, FOR THE COSMIC GOOD!

I WITNESS ALL THE TRULY AWFUL THINGS YOU CAN'T UNSEE.

ALL THE HORRIBLE, MIND-SHATTERING SECRETS BURIED ACROSS THE HEAVENS IN SHALLOW GRAVES.

THE SILENT SUFFERING. AND ANY OTHER KINDS OF SUFFERING, TOO.

AND THE PEOPLE WHO SO PERVERSELY DELIGHT IN IT. THE REAL SICKOS, I MEAN.

I DO MY VERY BEST TO MAKE THEM ALL FEEL *SEEN*.

WHEN THE ORB POPS UP, IT GIVES YOU *CHILLS*, RIGHT?

BECAUSE IF I'M HERE, YOU CAN BET SOMETHING *EPIC* IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN. SOMETHING WORLD-SHAKING. *UNIVERSE-SHAKING*.



DOOM SUPREME, THE DOOM ABOVE ALL.

DARK PHOENIX AND HER PET BERSERKER.

A YOUNG *THANOS*, STILL WET WITH HIS MOTHER'S BLOOD.

KING KILLMONGER, CONQUEROR OF BOTH WAKANDA AND ASGARD.

NORMAN OSBORN, THE *GHOST GOBLIN*, WITH HIS SATCHEL OF EXPLODING SKULLS.

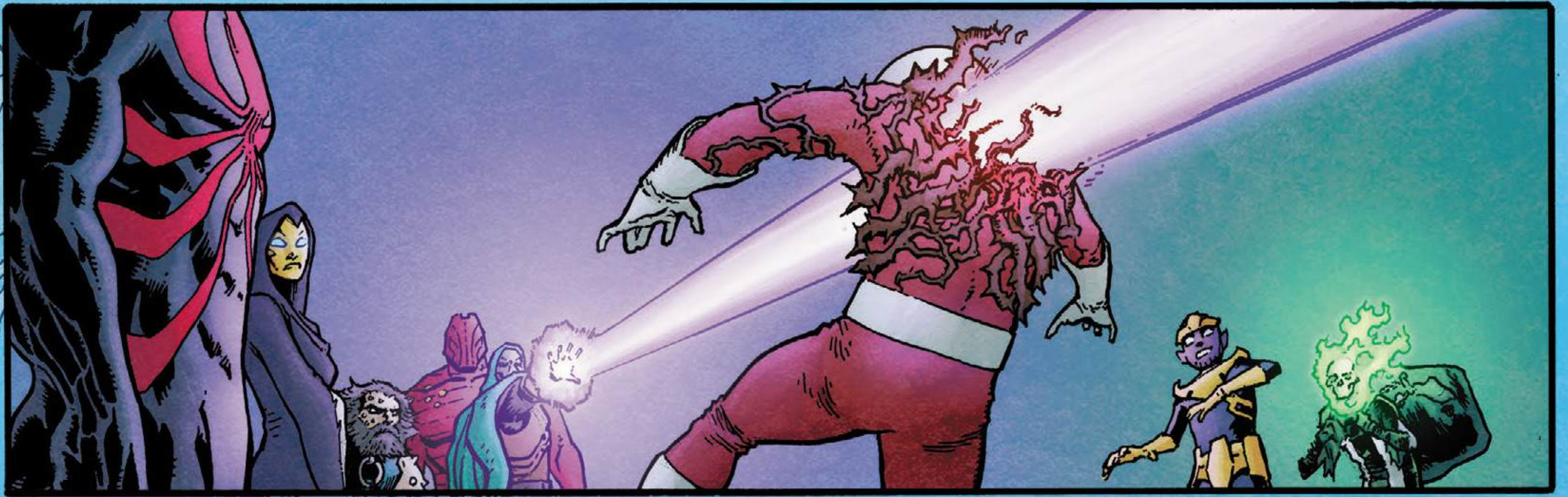
HERR VENOM, THE *BLACK SKULL*.

THE ALMIGHTY *MASTERS OF EVIL*, ASSEMBLED FROM ACROSS THE ERAS, FROM ACROSS THE EARTHS!

YOU PEOPLE HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BE...THE FINEST *MASS MURDERERS*...I HAVE EVER HAD THE PLEASURE TO WITNESS.

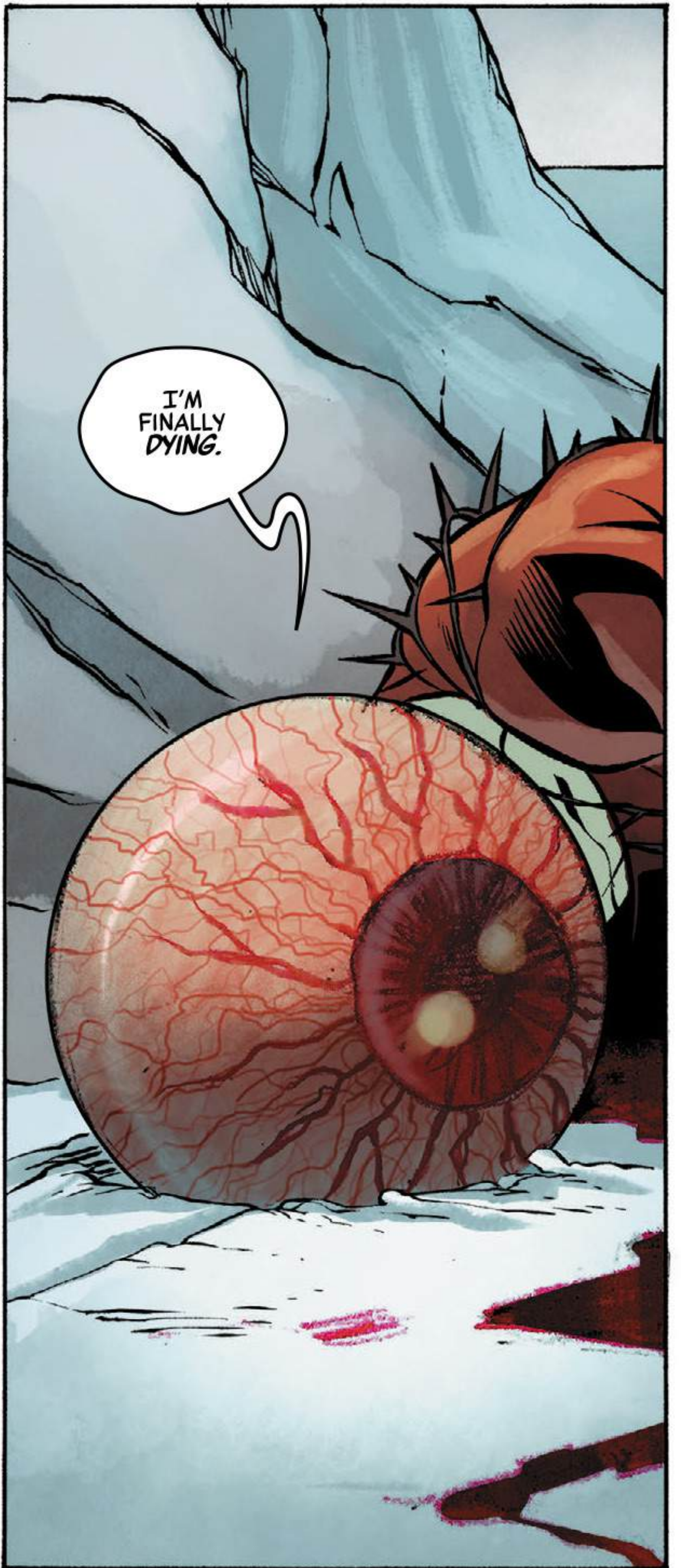
I'M...I'M SORRY FOR GETTING CHOKED UP, BUT THIS IS SUCH A BIG MOMENT!

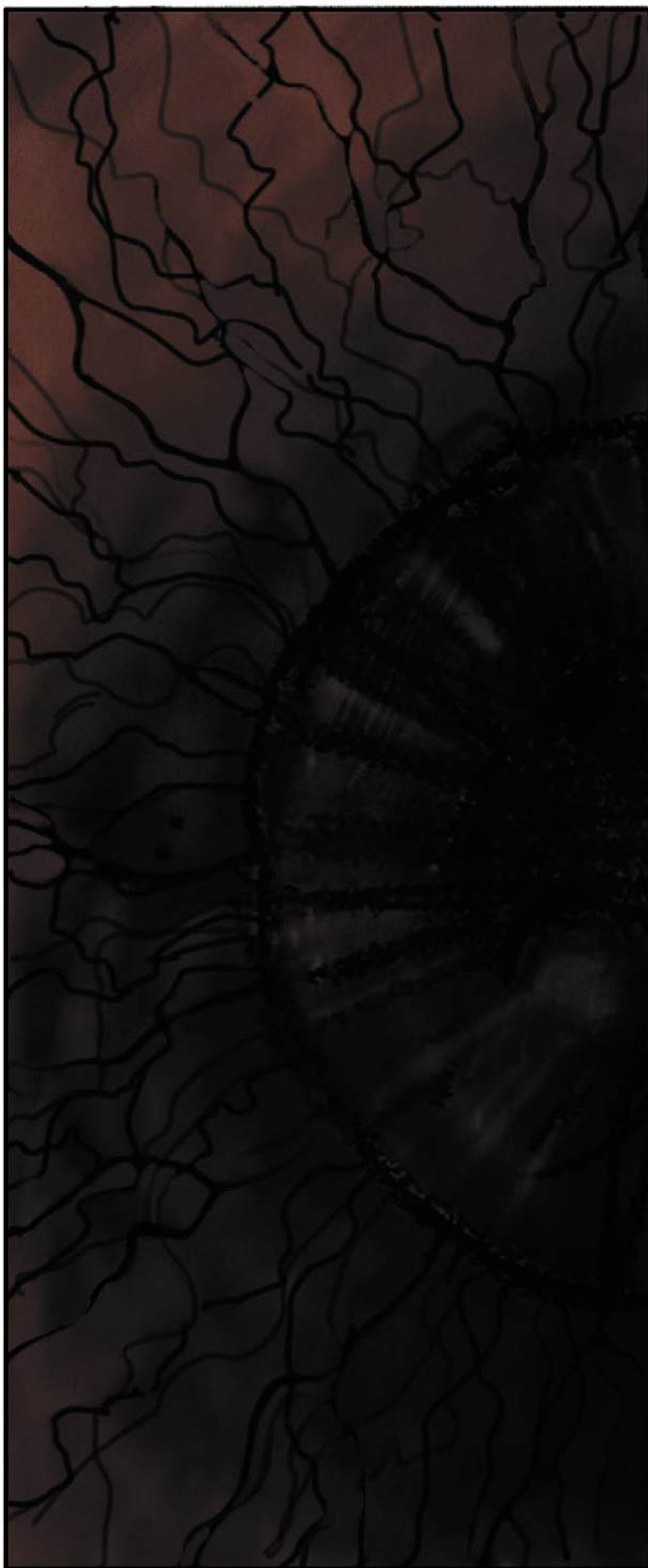
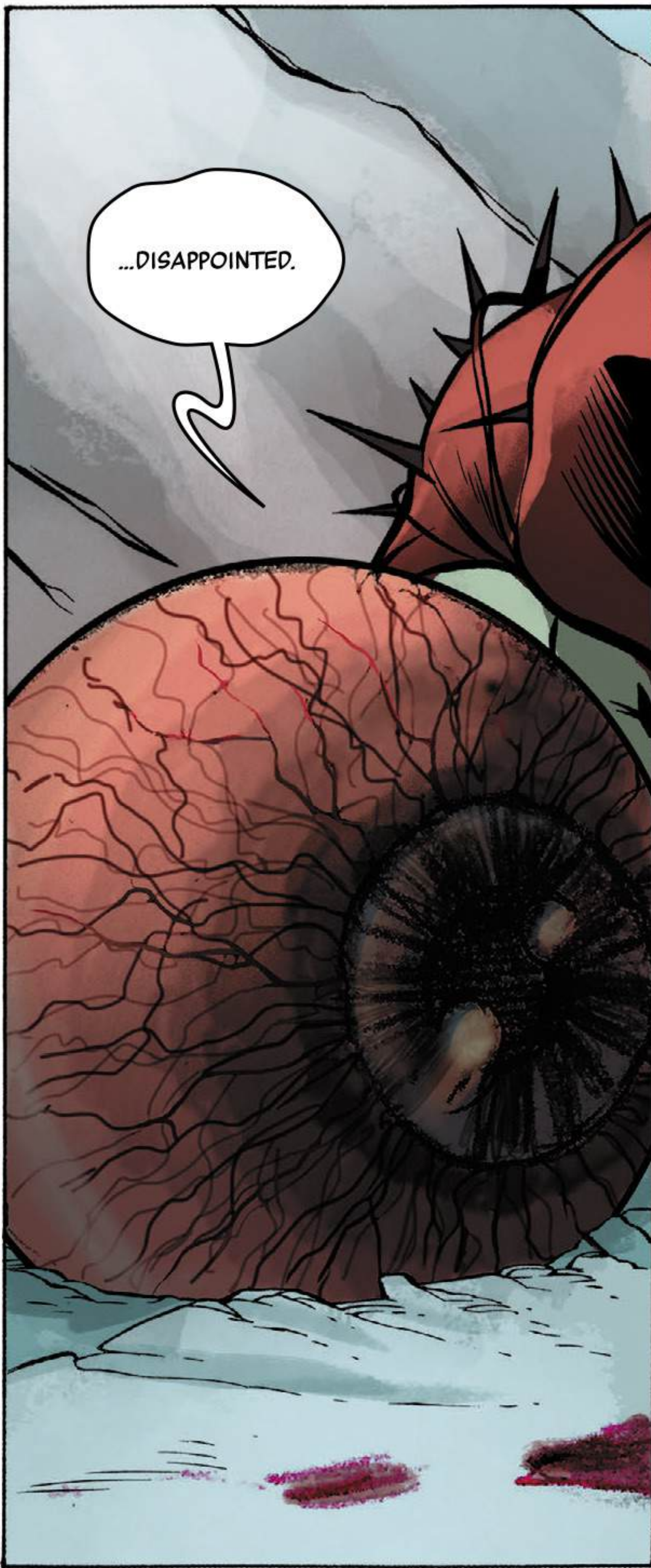
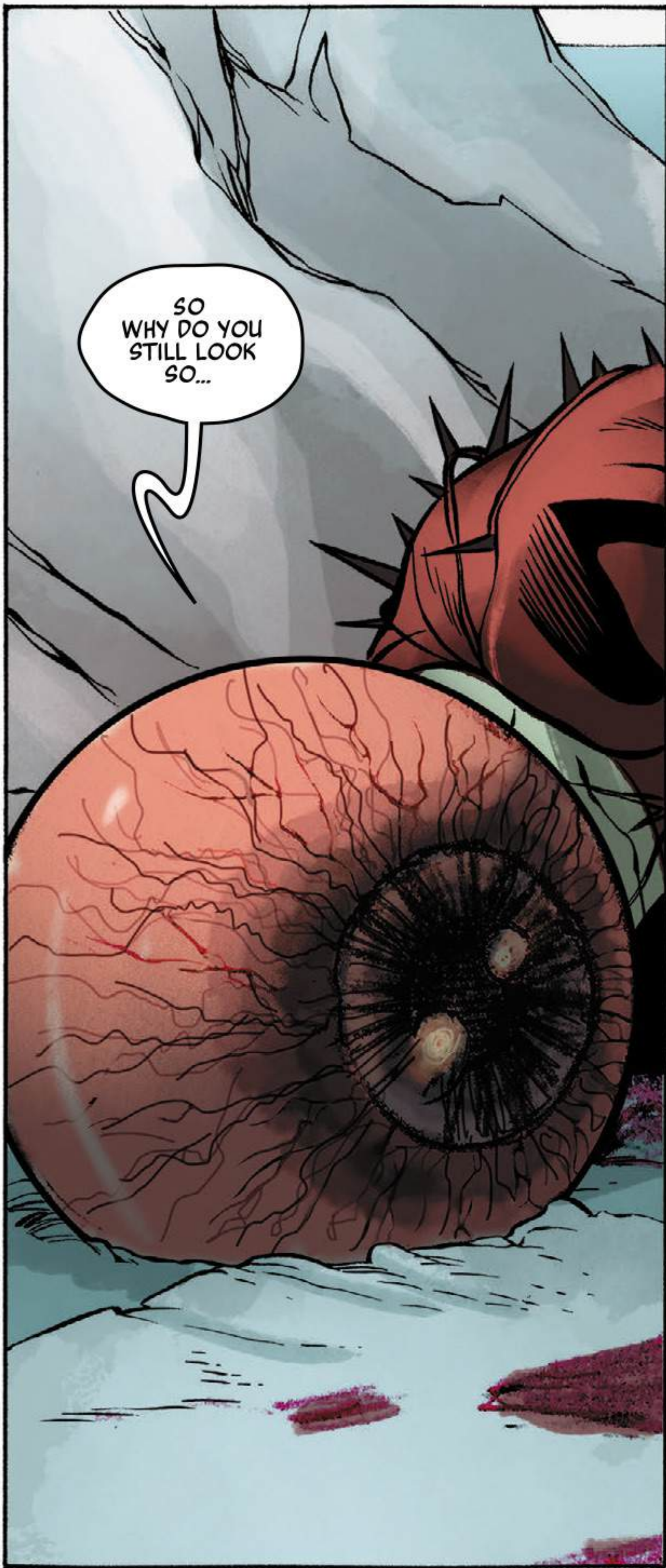
AND I SIMPLY CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHO YOU'RE GONNA KILL NEXT!



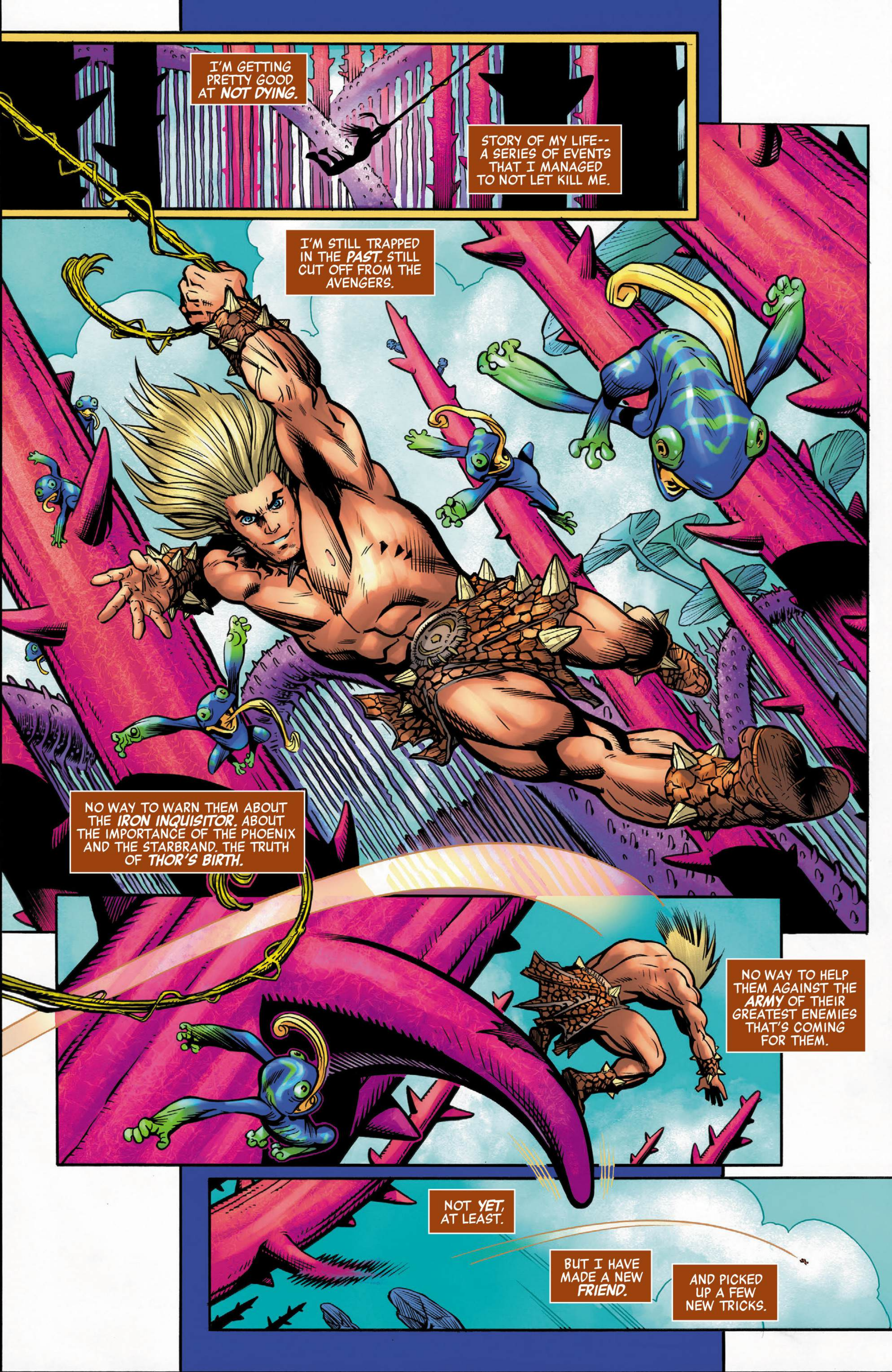


LET US
BEGIN.





**CHAPTER
NINE:
THE
ORB IS
DEAD.
MANY
MORE
WILL
FOLLOW.**



I'M GETTING
PRETTY GOOD
AT NOT DYING.

STORY OF MY LIFE--
A SERIES OF EVENTS
THAT I MANAGED
TO NOT LET KILL ME.

I'M STILL TRAPPED
IN THE *PAST*. STILL
CUT OFF FROM THE
AVENGERS.

NO WAY TO WARN THEM ABOUT
THE *IRON INQUISITOR*. ABOUT
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PHOENIX
AND THE STARBRAND. THE TRUTH
OF *THOR'S BIRTH*.

NO WAY TO HELP
THEM AGAINST THE
ARMY OF THEIR
GREATEST ENEMIES
THAT'S COMING
FOR THEM.

NOT *YET*,
AT LEAST.

BUT I HAVE
MADE A NEW
FRIEND.

AND PICKED
UP A FEW
NEW TRICKS.



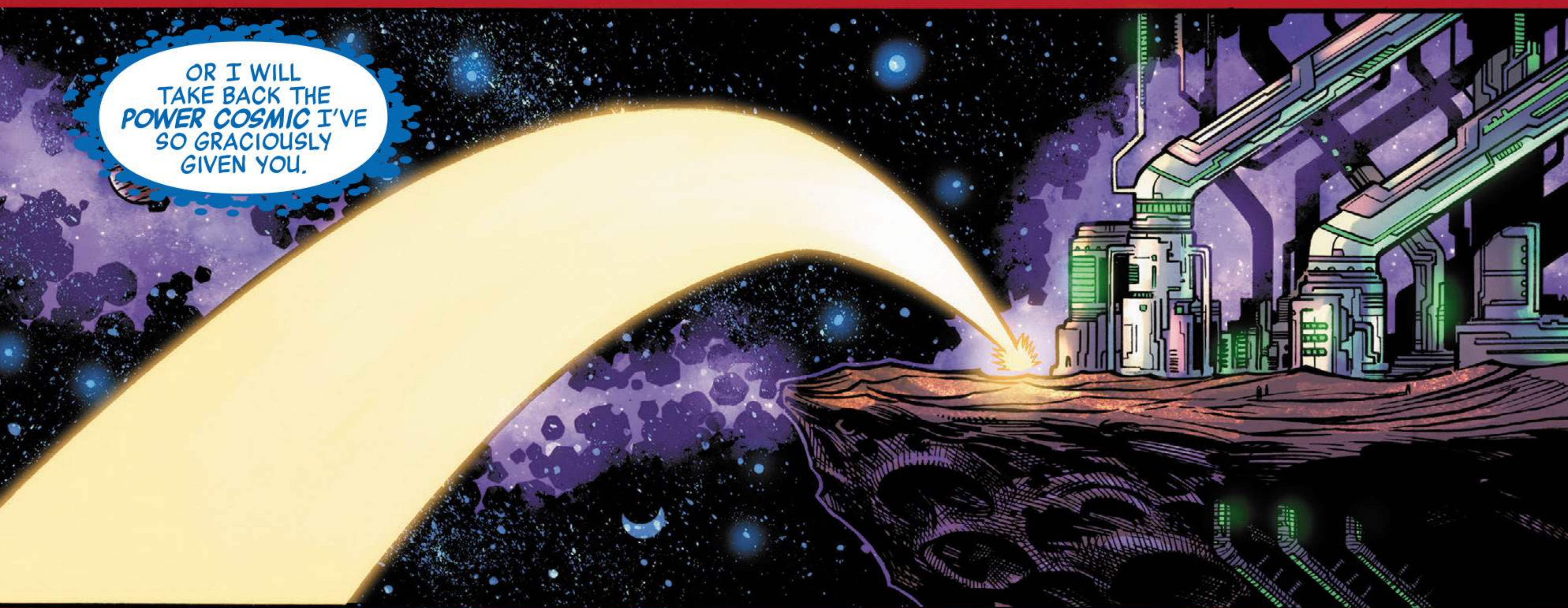
I'LL FIND
YOU ANOTHER
ONE. SOMETHING
FRESH.

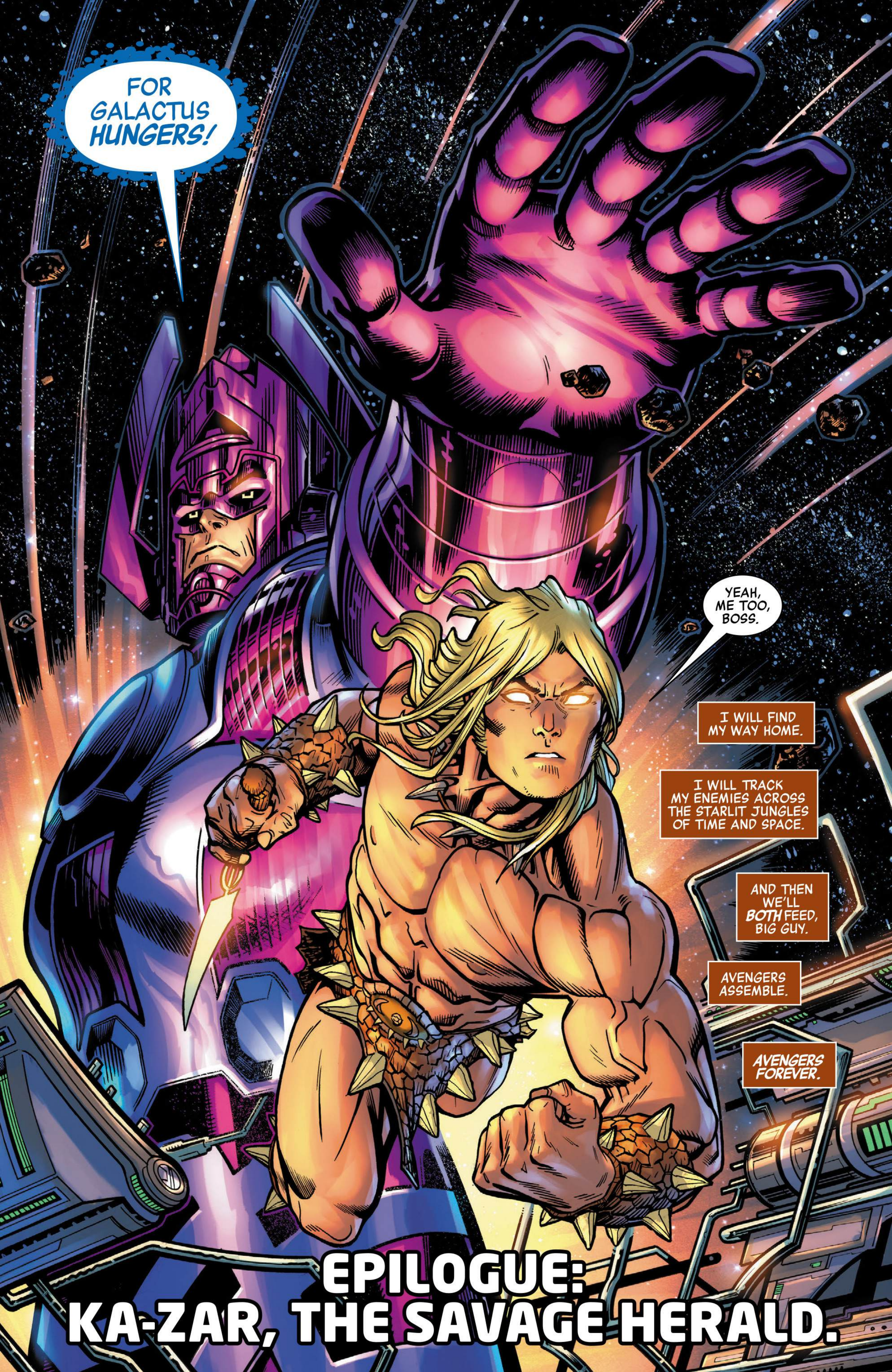
AND
UNINHABITED.

VERY WELL.
BE QUICK
ABOUT IT,
KA-ZAR.

THIS ONE'S
NO GOOD, BOSS.
ALL ROTTEN AND
MOLDY.

OR I WILL
TAKE BACK THE
POWER COSMIC I'VE
SO GRACIOUSLY
GIVEN YOU.





FOR
GALACTUS
HUNGERS!

YEAH,
ME TOO,
BOSS.

I WILL FIND
MY WAY HOME.

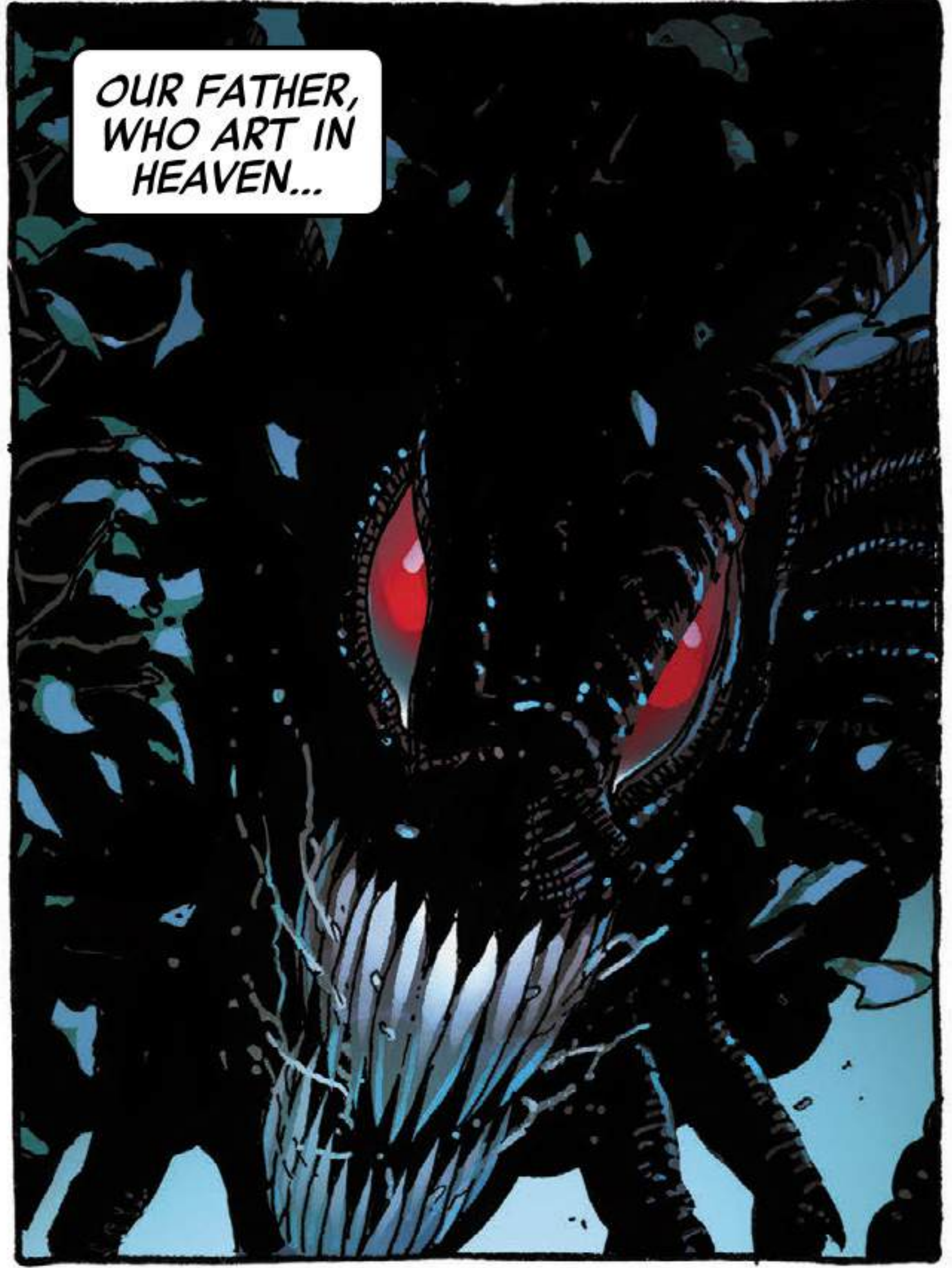
I WILL TRACK
MY ENEMIES ACROSS
THE STARLIT JUNGLES
OF TIME AND SPACE.

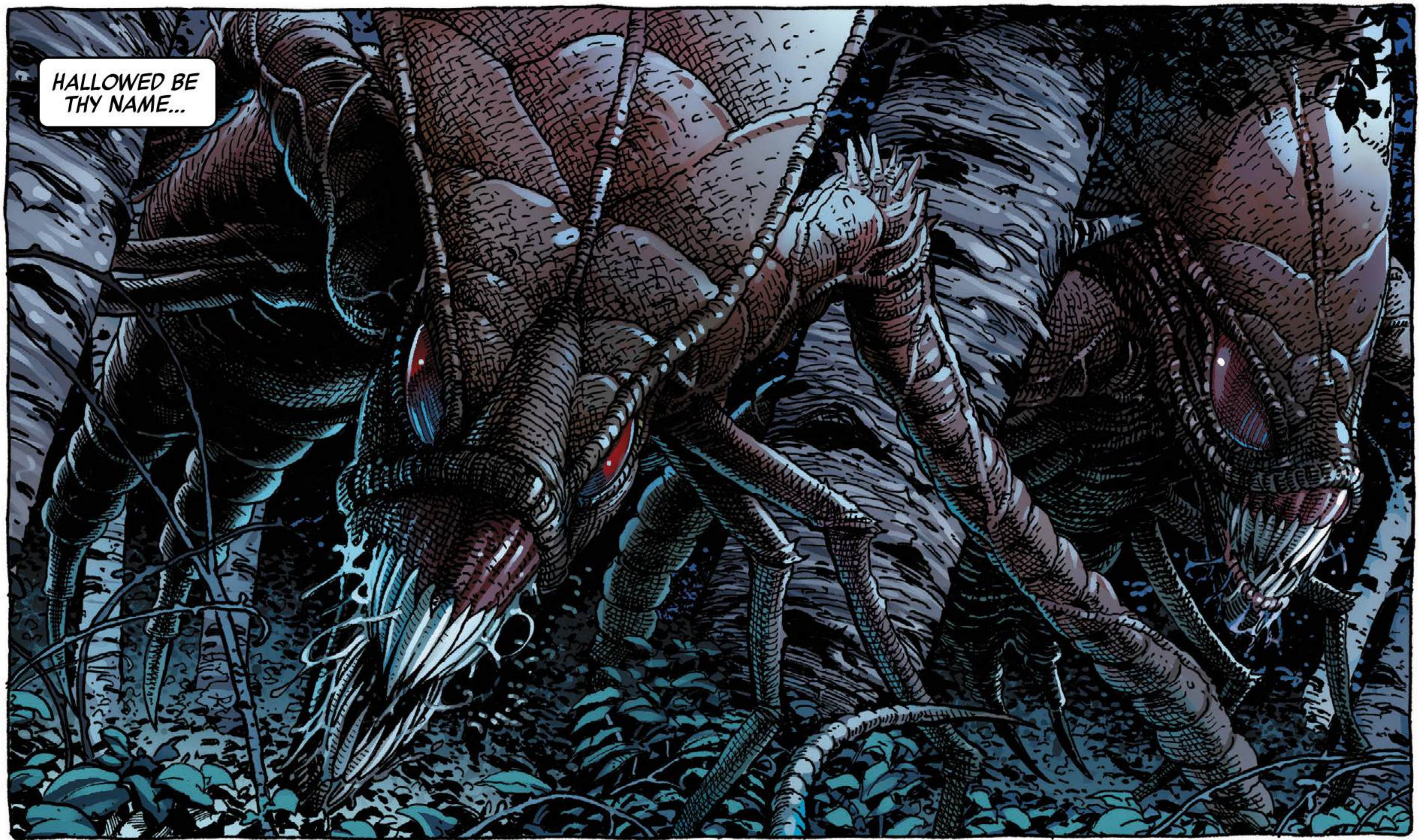
AND THEN
WE'LL
BOTH FEED,
BIG GUY.

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE.

AVENGERS
FOREVER.

**EPILOGUE:
KA-ZAR, THE SAVAGE HERALD.**





HALLOWED BE
THY NAME...



THW



THY
KINGDOM
COME...

TINK



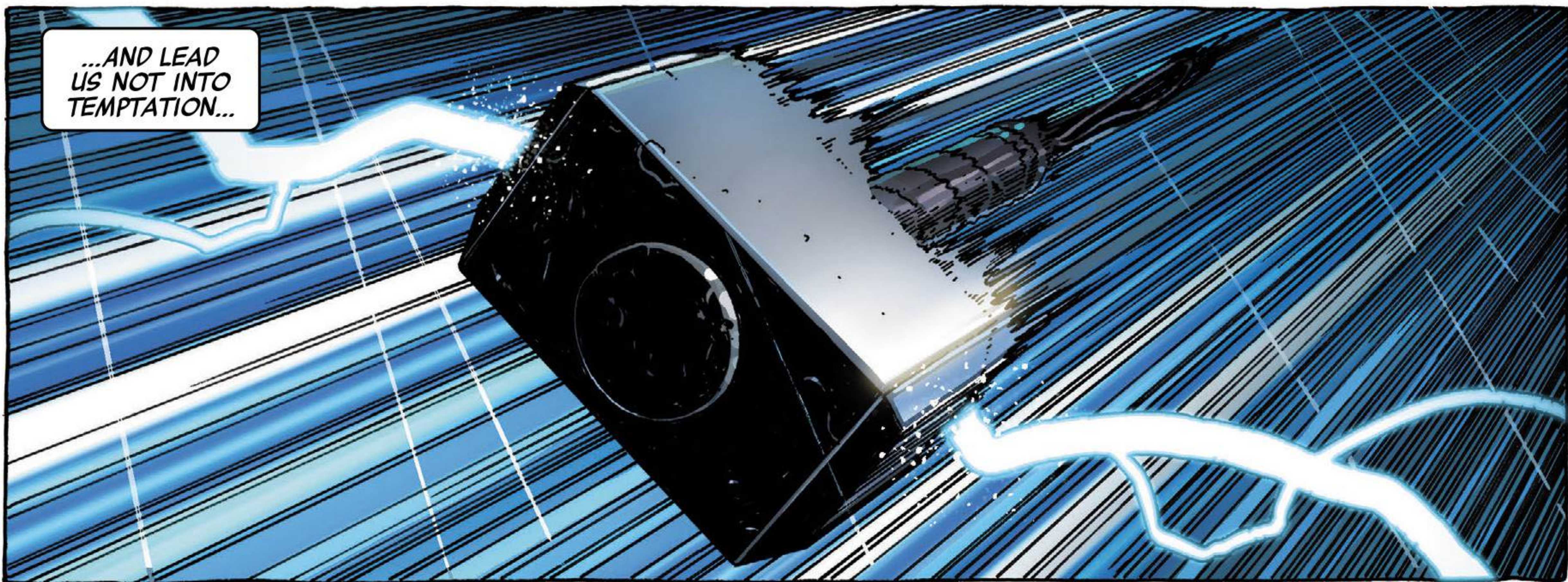
WHAT
ARE YOU?



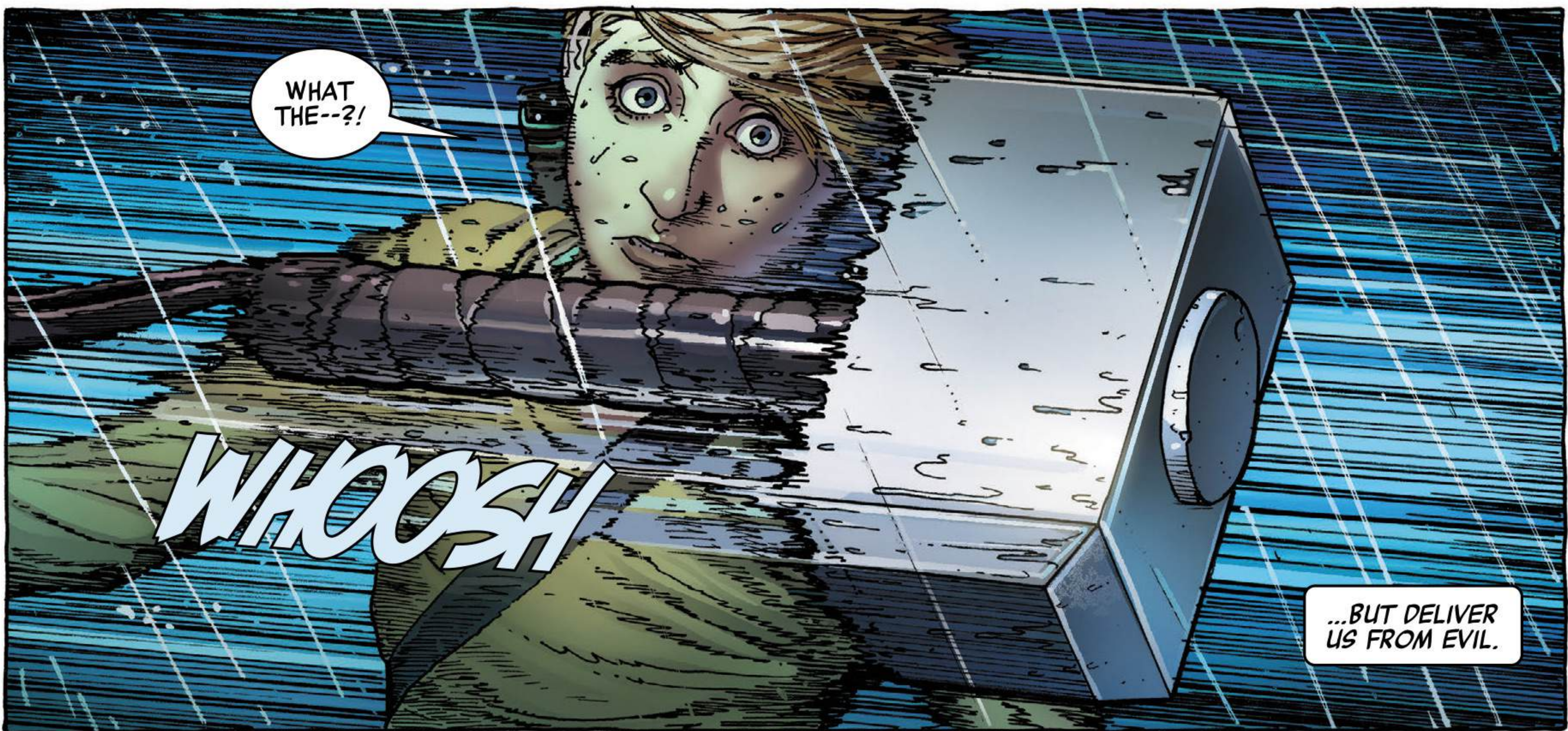
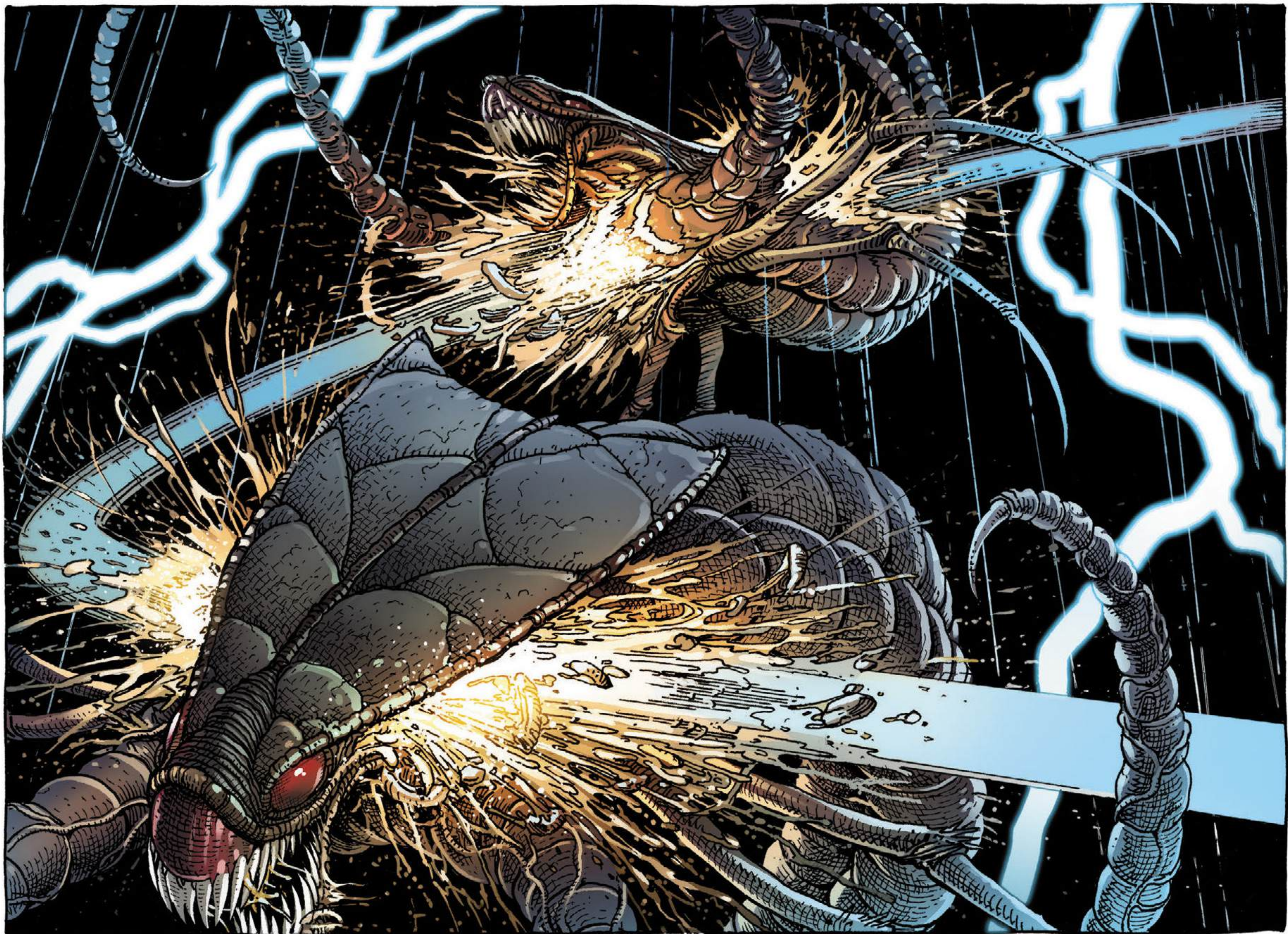
THY WILL
BE DONE...



ON EARTH...
AS IT IS IN
HEAVEN...



...AND LEAD
US NOT INTO
TEMPTATION...



WHAT
THE---?!

...BUT DELIVER
US FROM EVIL.

A dramatic comic book illustration featuring Thor and a young boy in a heavy rainstorm. Thor, with his iconic winged helmet and red cape, stands in the background holding Mjolnir aloft. In the foreground, a young boy in a green tunic looks up at him with a determined expression. The rain is depicted as numerous white streaks falling diagonally across the scene, creating a sense of urgency and intensity. The background shows a dark, stormy sky and a red structure, possibly part of a ship or a fort.

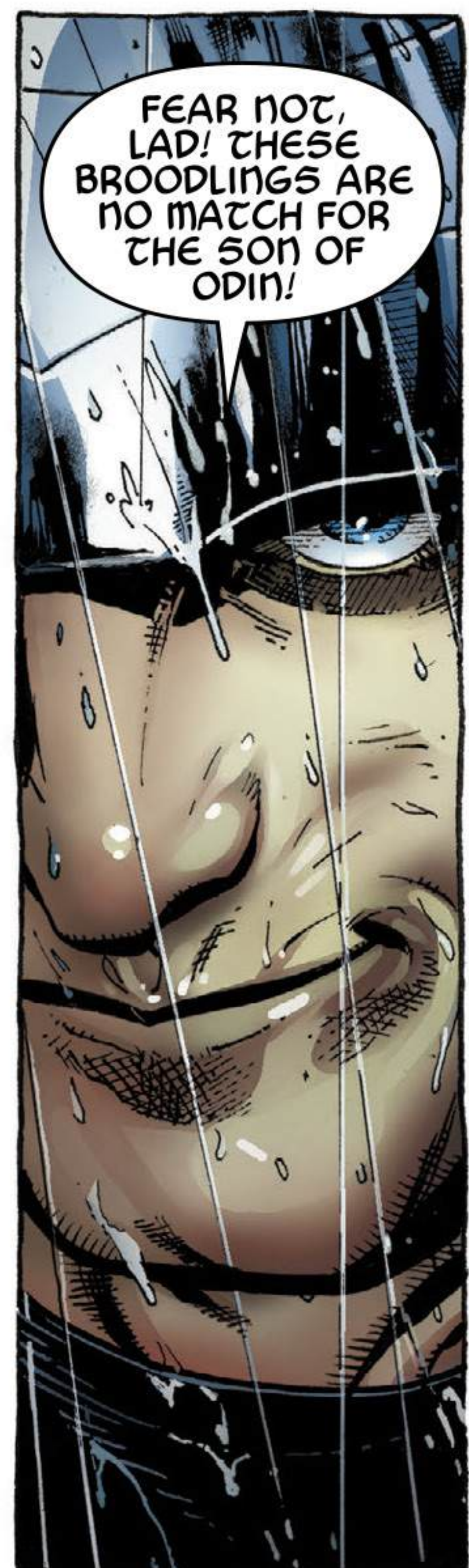
AMEN.

THESE
BEASTS
MAKE FOR
POOR
SPORT!

HAD THEIR
QUEEN BUT KNOWN
THOR WAS HERE,
SHE WOULD HAVE
SENT AN ARMY!

THE TWO WORTHIES

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I PRAY
YOUR QUEEN
IS WATCHING,
MONSTERS. LET
THIS BE A
LESSON!



I DID NOT
BELIEVE THEY
WERE REAL.



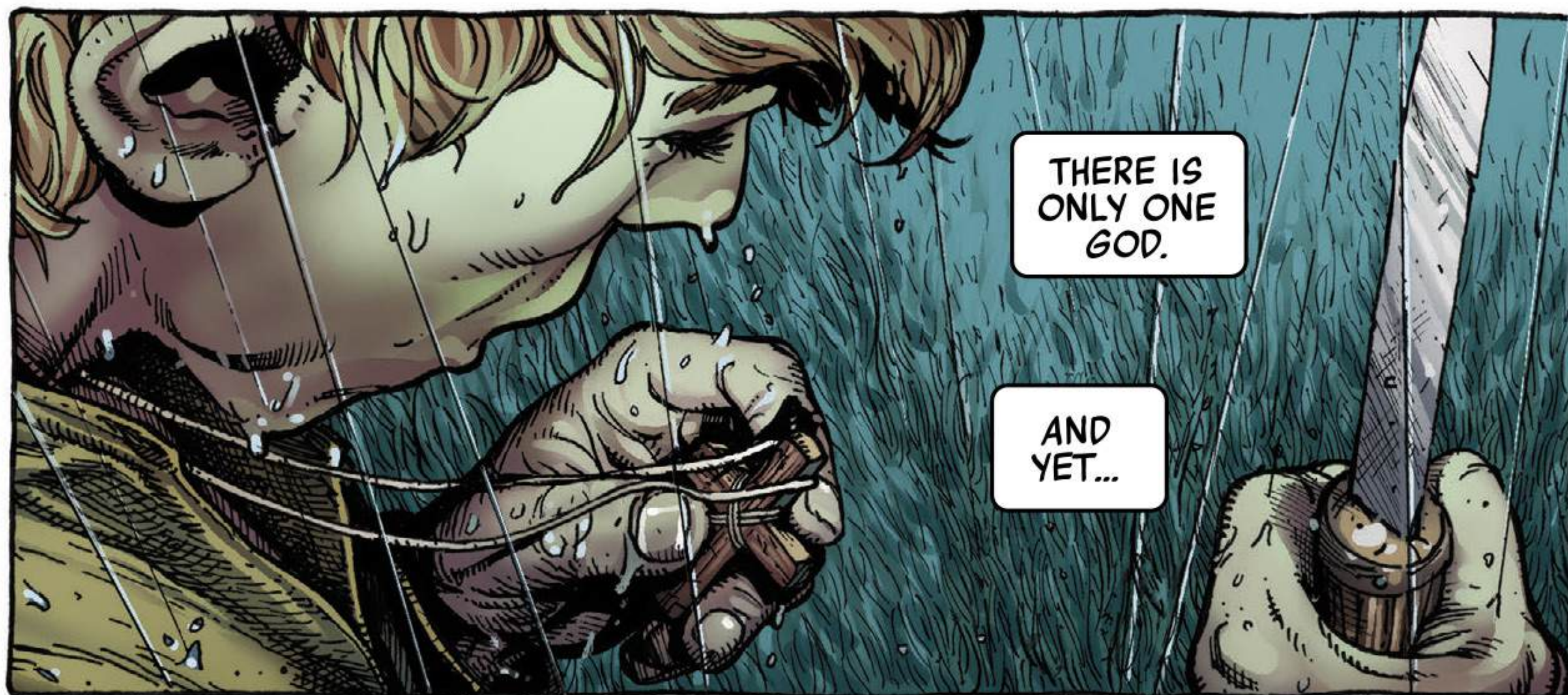
ODIN...

LOKI...

THOR...



THE OLD GODS
OF ASGARD.



THERE IS
ONLY ONE
GOD.

AND
YET...



MAYBE WE
WERE WRONG?

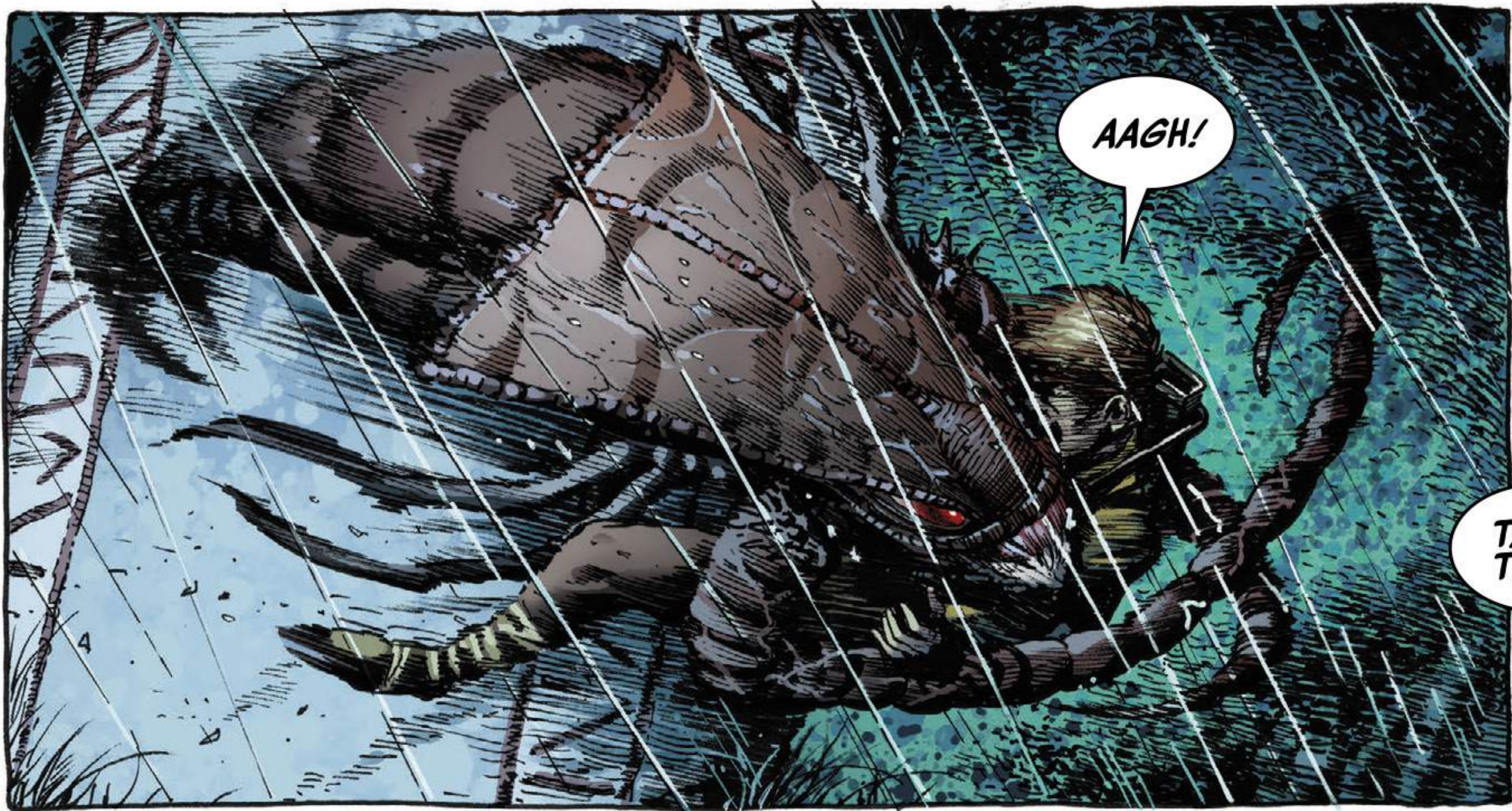
OR MAYBE ONE
GOD MADE ALL
THE OTHERS?



HSSS!



WHERE
DID Y--?



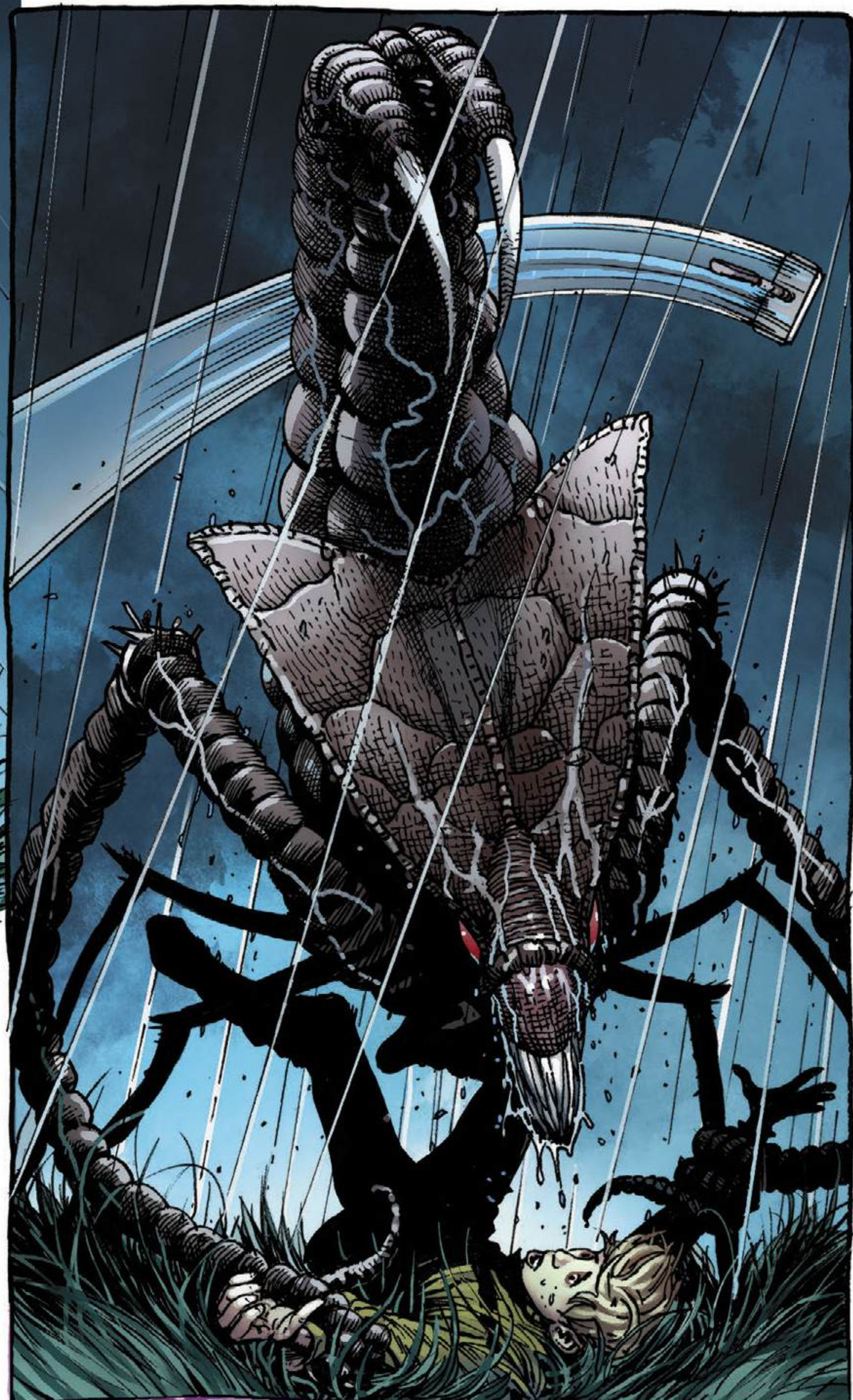


IT WON'T...
BUDGE!

GOD'S
BONES! IT'S
HEAVY!



HSSS!



I STILL DON'T
BELIEVE IT.

ENOUGH
GAMING
ABOUT!

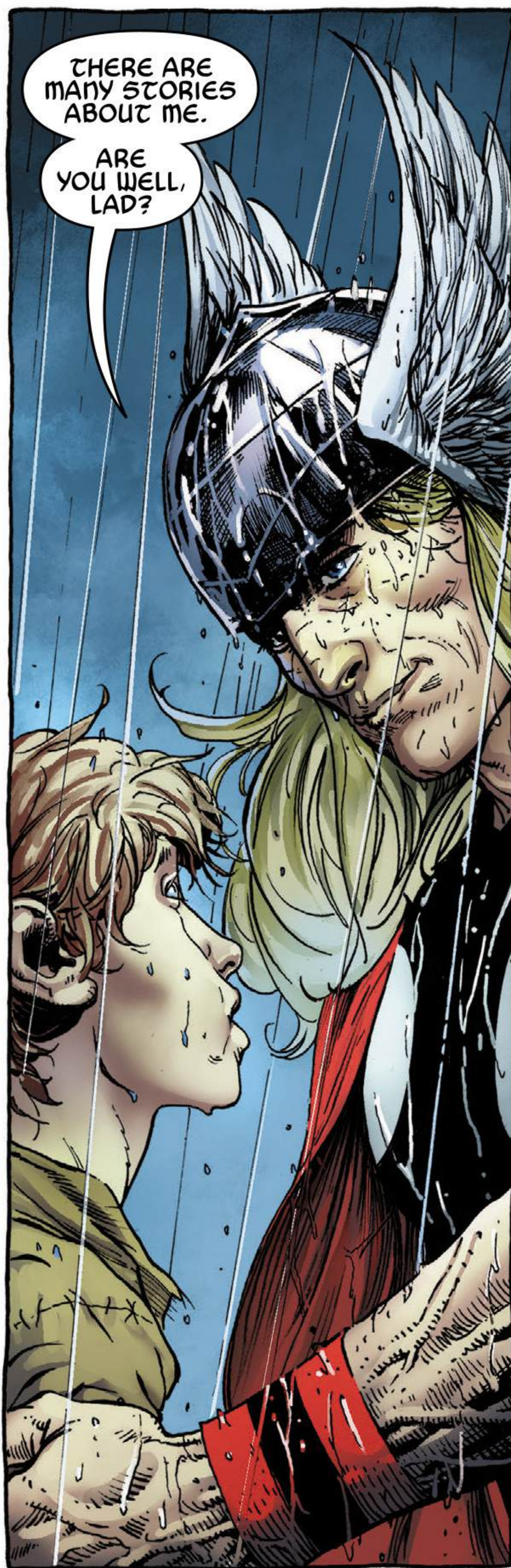
HE CANNOT
BE REAL,
AND YET...



YOU REALLY ARE THOR.

OF COURSE I AM! DID YOU DOUBT IT?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST A STORY...



THERE ARE MANY STORIES ABOUT ME.

ARE YOU WELL, LAD?



THOSE THINGS...

A HUNTING PARTY. THEY WOULD HAVE POISONED YOU AND DRAGGED YOU TO THEIR NEST.

TO EAT ME?

WORSE. THEY WOULD HAVE MADE YOU ONE OF THEIR OWN.



I GO TO SEEK THEIR NEST. THE BROOD QUEEN MUST BE DRIVEN FROM YOUR WORLD.

RETURN TO YOUR HOME, SON OF MIDGARD, AND TAKE HEART--YOU FOUGHT BRAVELY!

WAIT!



YOUR HAMMER...
IT'S THE SAME AS
THE ONE ON THE
STONE, ISN'T IT?

MJOLNIR?
YES.

IT'S SO
HEAVY. HOW
CAN YOU
LIFT IT?



MJOLNIR IS
NOT HEAVY! THE
HAMMER MAY ONLY
BE WIELDED BY A
WORTHY HAND--BY
MY HAND!

SO I'M...
UNWORTHY?

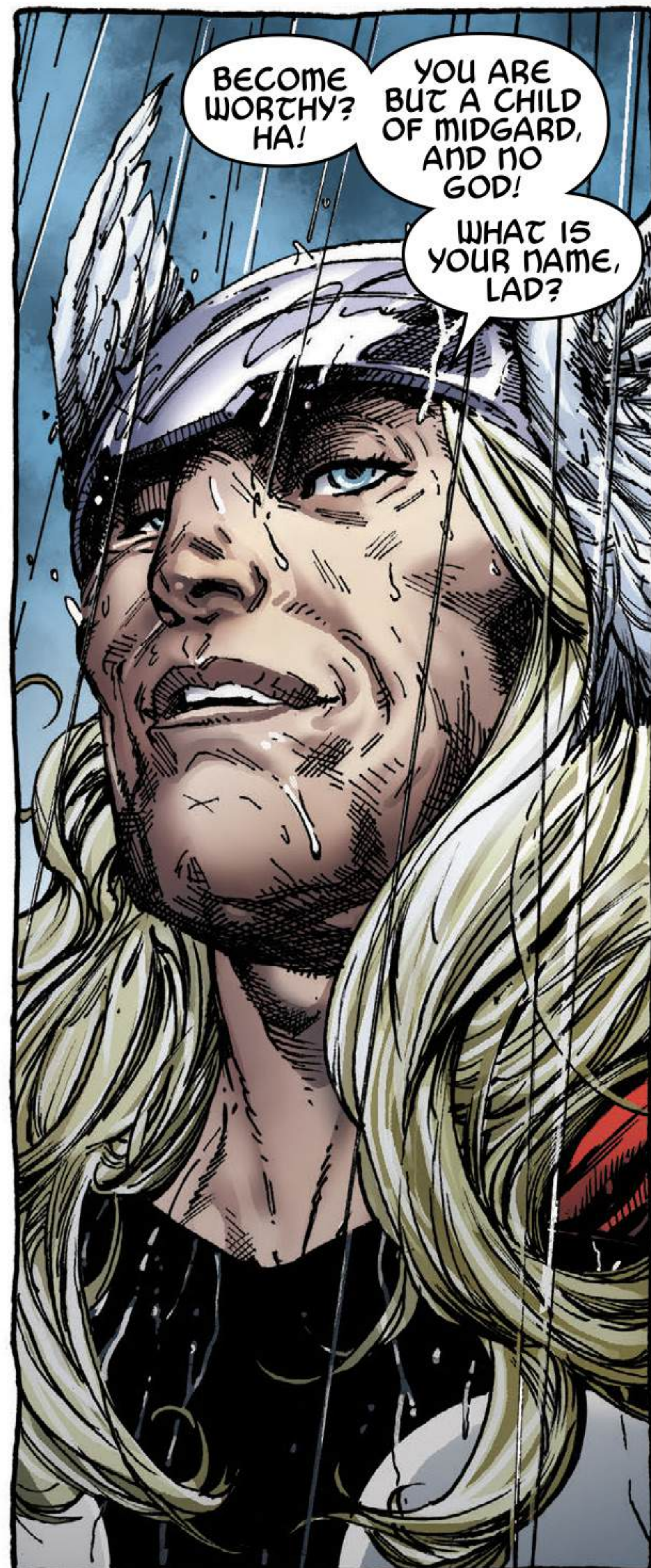


PEACE!
MJOLNIR WAS
ENSORCELED BY
THE ALL-FATHER
HIMSELF. IT IS
MINE.

Whosoever
this hammer
if he be worthy,
shall possess the
power of...

thor.

BUT HOW...
HOW COULD
I BECOME
WORTHY?



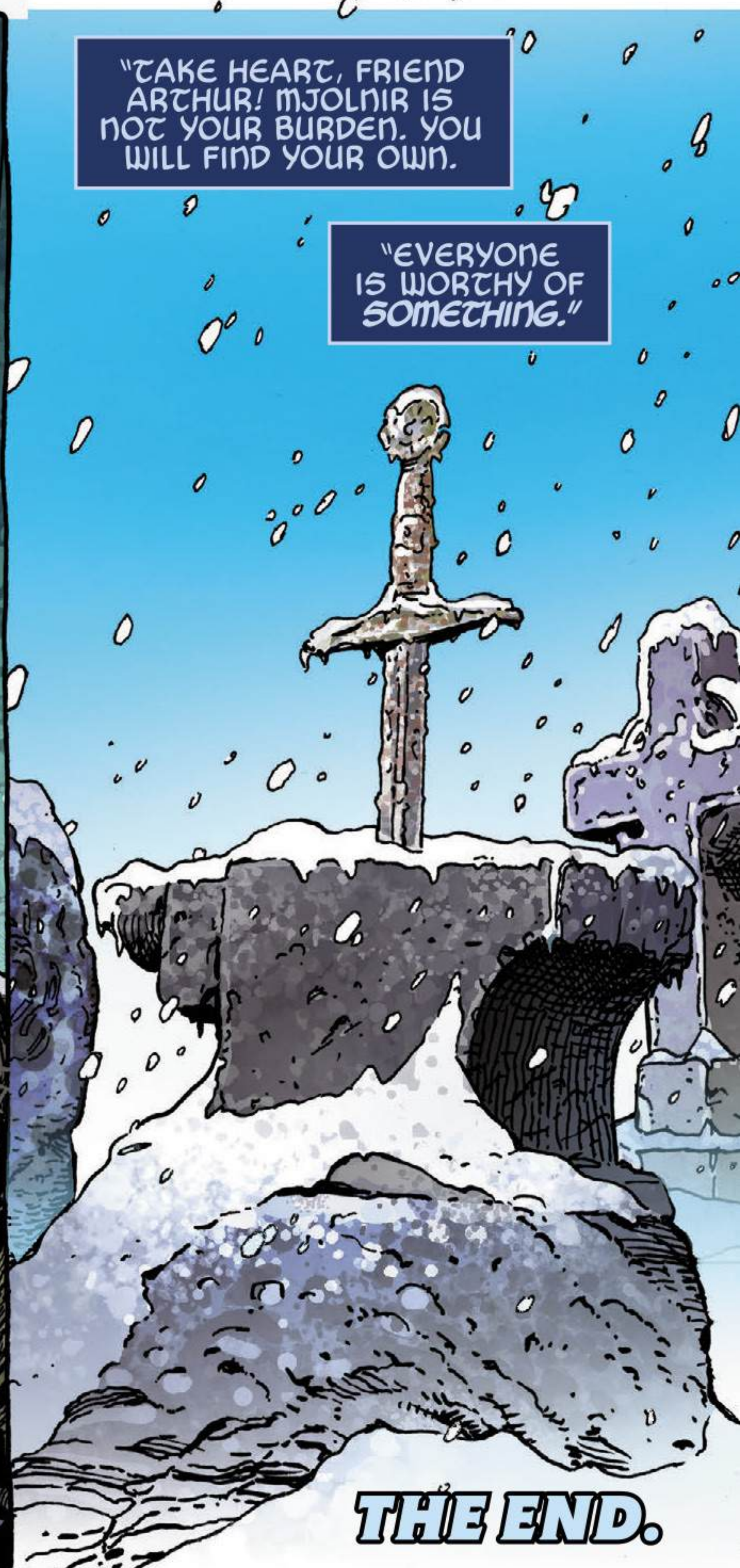
BECOME
WORTHY?
HA!

YOU ARE
BUT A CHILD
OF MIDGARD,
AND NO
GOD!

WHAT IS
YOUR NAME,
LAD?



ARTHUR.



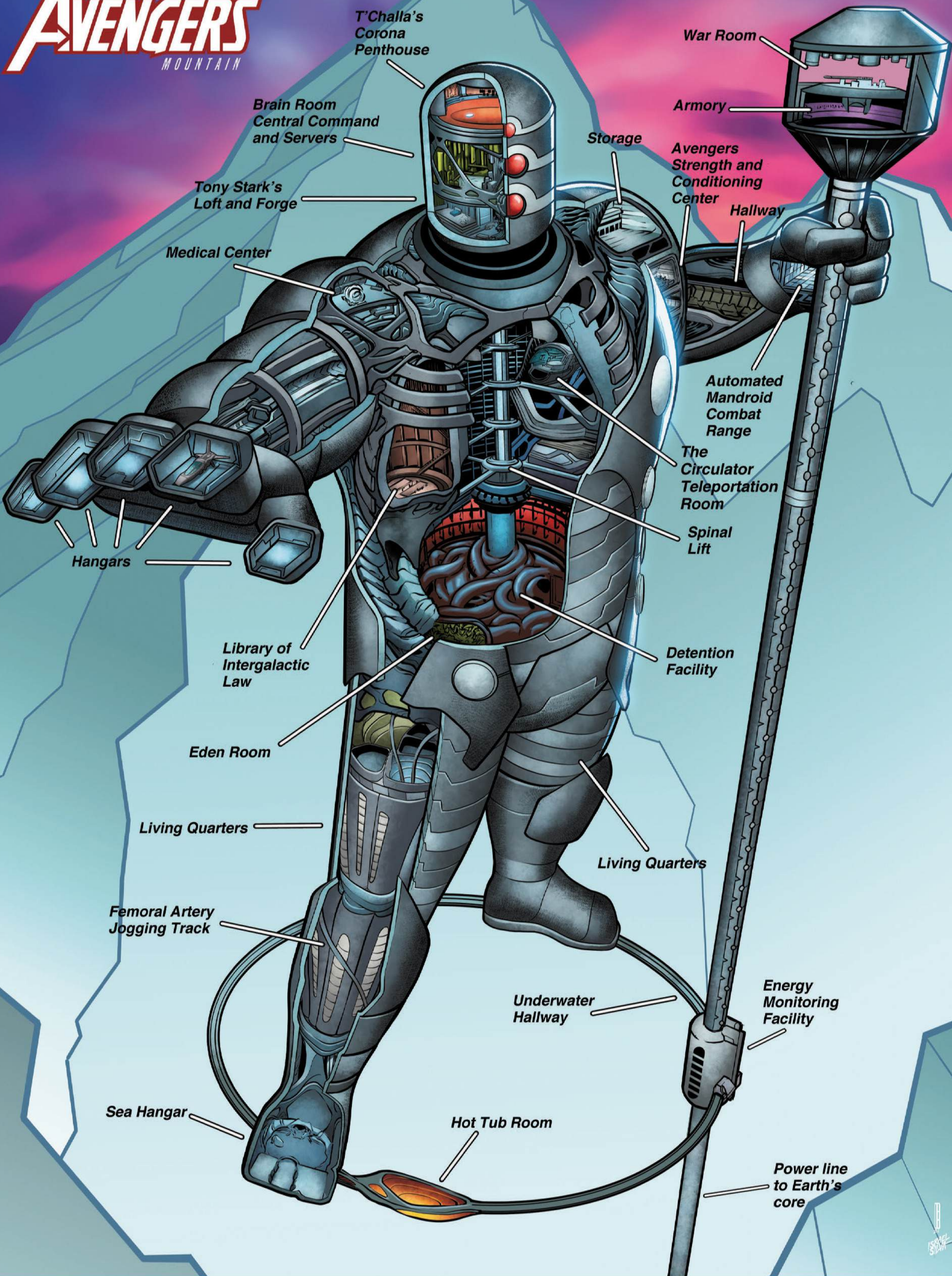
"TAKE HEART, FRIEND
ARTHUR! MJOLNIR IS
NOT YOUR BURDEN. YOU
WILL FIND YOUR OWN.

"EVERYONE
IS WORTHY OF
SOMETHING."

THE END.

AVENGERS

MOUNTAIN





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47 JIMMY WOO ASIAN VOICES VARIANT

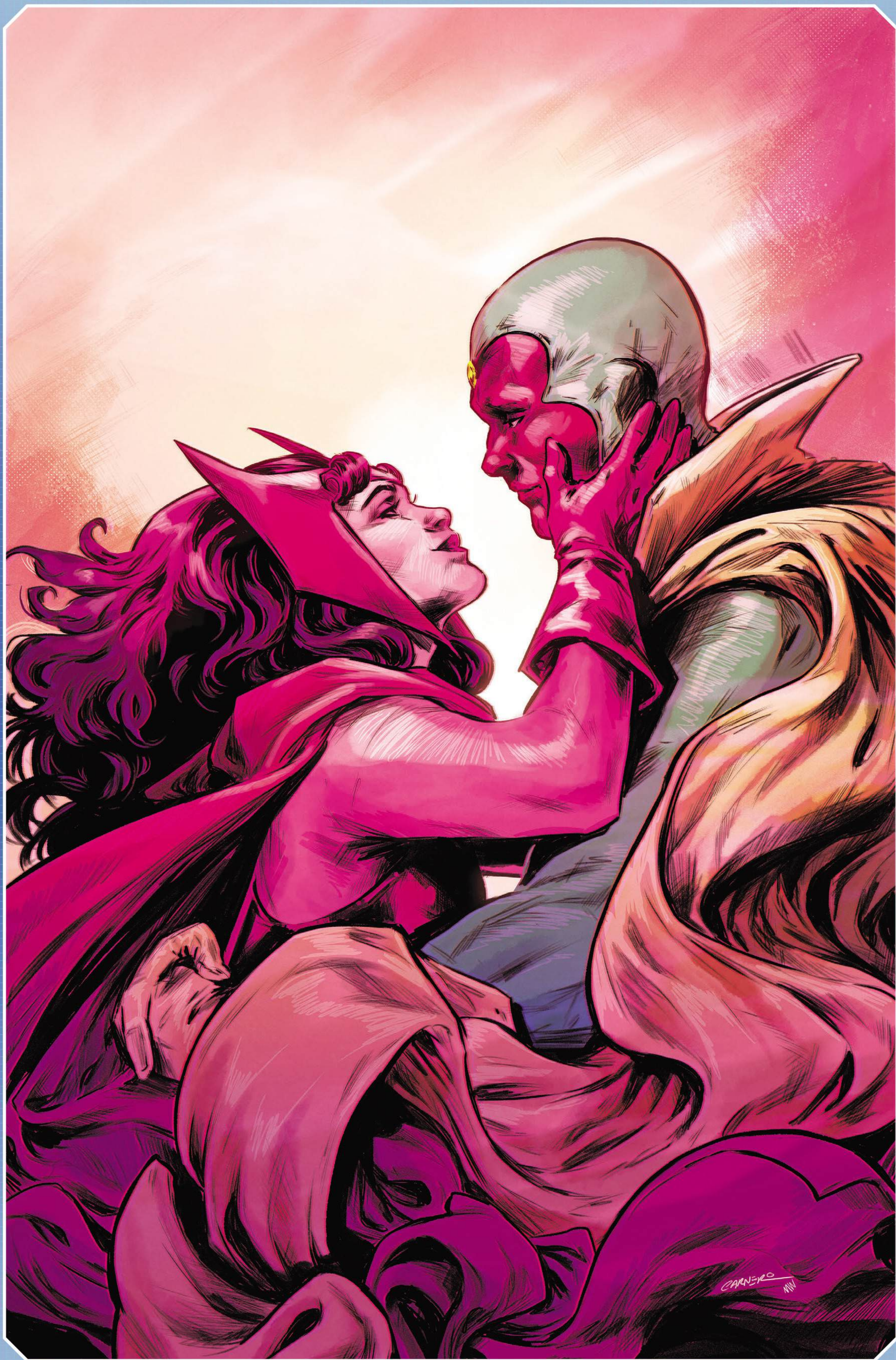


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48 MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN 10TH ANNIVERSARY VARIANT



SIMONE BIANCHI
50 VARIANT



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50 STORMBREAKERS VARIANT



STEFANO CASELLI & FEDERICO BLEE
50 VARIANT



MARCOS MARTIN
50 VARIANT



ED McGUINNESS & LAURA MARTIN
50 VARIANT



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50 VARIANT



STEVE McNIVEN & MATTHEW WILSON
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ARTHUR ADAMS
50 INFINITY SAGA PHASE 1 VARIANT



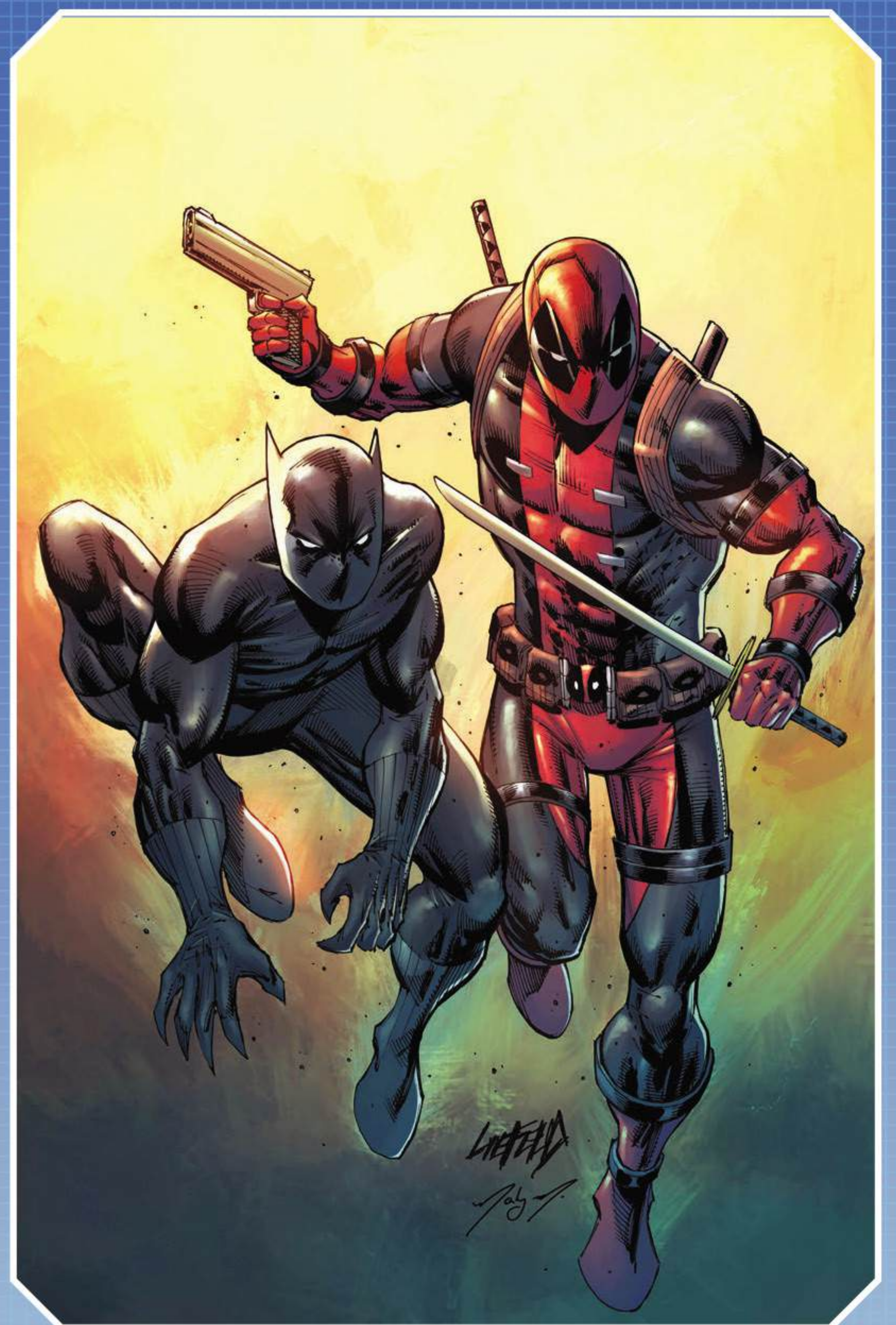
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